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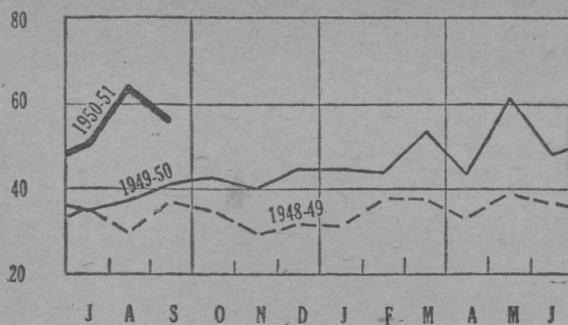
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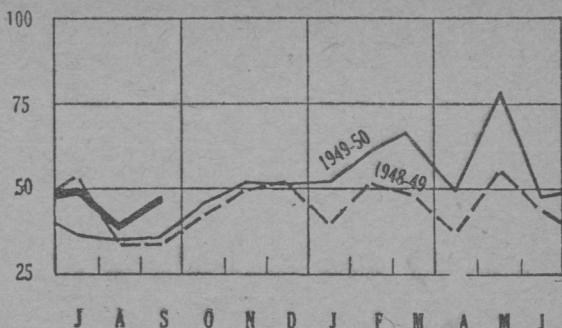
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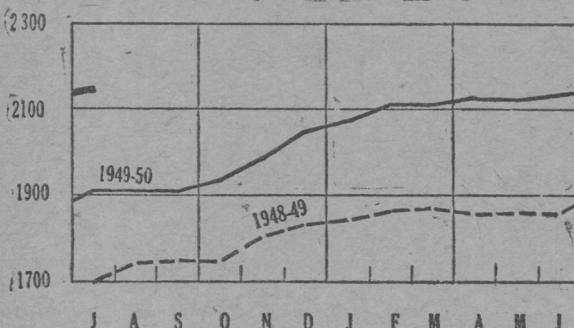
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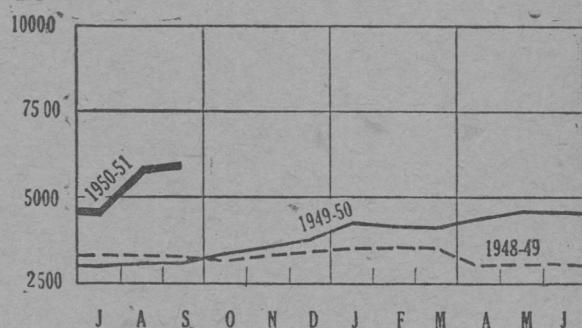
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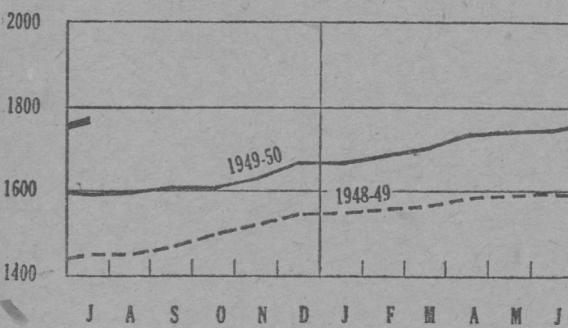
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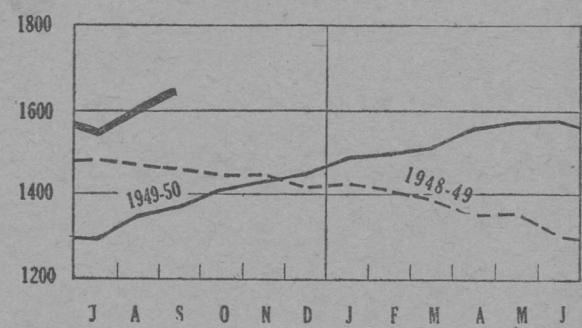
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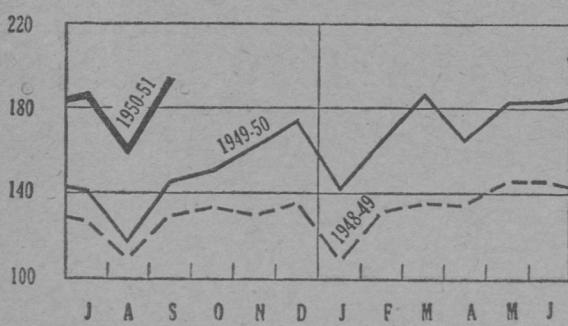
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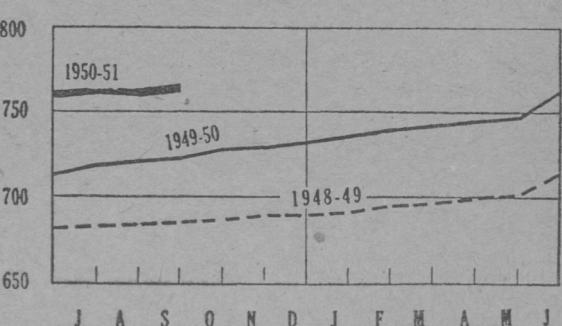
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period. | Employment—Australia.(a) | | | | | | Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 1,000). (d) | Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. (e) | Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. (e) |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | Estimated Total—All Employment. | Total—end of month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (See note (b) below.) | | | Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c) | Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 1,000). (d) | | | |
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | | | | | |
| 1932-33 .. | '000. (f) 1,644 | '000. (f) 992 | '000. (f) 341 | '000. (f) 1,333 | 352 | (g) 1,000 | .. | £ millions. 29.1 | £'000. 3,017 |
| 1936-37 .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 499 | 1,247 | .. | 37.2 | 3,407 |
| 1937-38 .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 536 | 1,283 | .. | 40.6 | 3,632 |
| 1938-39 .. | (h) 2,061 | (h) 1,293 | (h) 437 | (h) 1,730 | 542 | 1,300 | .. | 39.8 | 3,580 |
| 1943-44 .. | (j) 2,014 | 1,274 | 640 | 1,914 | 745 | 1,104 | 1,028 | 50.5 | 6,434 |
| 1944-45 .. | (k) 2,115 | 1,284 | 626 | 1,910 | 727 | 1,138 | 1,013 | 52.3 | 5,869 |
| 1945-46 .. | †(l) 2,344 | 1,379 | 602 | 1,981 | 718 | 1,267 | 1,000 | 55.7 | 5,576 |
| 1946-47 .. | †m 2,481 | 1,592 | 610 | 2,202 | 776 | 1,448 | 1,035 | 66.8 | 5,303 |
| 1947-48 .. | .. | 1,693 | 635 | 2,328 | 816 | 1,559 | 1,159 | 79.5 | (n) 6,376 |
| 1948-49 .. | .. | 1,757 | 656 | 2,413 | 840 | 1,678 | 1,321 | 93.4 | 7,174 |
| 1949-50 .. | .. | 1,810 | 675 | 2,485 | 854 | 1,711 | 1,451 | | 7,702 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | | 1,739 | 651 | 2,390 | 837 | 1,642 | 1,302 | 97.3 | 7,255 |
| October .. | | 1,741 | 654 | 2,395 | 838 | 1,653 | 1,292 | 92.6 | 7,242 |
| November .. | | 1,749 | 659 | 2,408 | 841 | 1,698 | 1,276 | 97.8 | 7,224 |
| December .. | | 1,754 | 663 | 2,417 | 837 | 1,761 | 1,310 | 90.9 | 7,424 |
| January .. | | 1,756 | 653 | 2,409 | 837 | 1,691 | 1,328 | 73.9 | 6,888 |
| February .. | | 1,764 | 659 | 2,423 | 843 | 1,681 | 1,338 | 90.7 | 6,803 |
| March .. | | 1,774 | 663 | 2,437 | 849 | 1,684 | 1,371 | 101.5 | 7,435 |
| April .. | | 1,777 | 662 | 2,439 | 848 | 1,686 | 1,343 | 90.6 | 7,172 |
| May .. | | 1,787 | 664 | 2,451 | 852 | 1,689 | 1,361 | 104.3 | 7,606 |
| June .. | | 1,772 | 658 | 2,430 | 834 | 1,687 | 1,392 | 98.7 | 7,264 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | | 1,688 | 633 | 2,321 | 758 | 1,660 | (o) 1,318 | 88.2 | 4,119 |
| August .. | | 1,764 | 659 | 2,423 | 832 | 1,678 | (o) 1,345 | 95.6 | 6,213 |
| September .. | | 1,790 | 666 | 2,456 | 846 | 1,684 | 1,422 | 108.1 | 7,852 |
| October .. | | 1,798 | 672 | 2,470 | 854 | 1,688 | 1,422 | 111.5 | 8,156 |
| November .. | | 1,811 | 677 | 2,488 | 859 | 1,728 | 1,426 | 105.7 | 8,453 |
| December .. | | 1,817 | 681 | 2,498 | 856 | 1,794 | 1,454 | 113.8 | 8,370 |
| January .. | | 1,822 | 674 | 2,496 | 860 | 1,716 | 1,471 | 92.6 | 8,302 |
| February .. | | 1,835 | 681 | 2,516 | 869 | 1,699 | 1,476 | 110.2 | 7,705 |
| March .. | | 1,839 | 688 | 2,527 | 876 | 1,713 | 1,507 | 124.1 | 8,540 |
| April .. | | 1,846 | 686 | 2,532 | 875 | 1,716 | 1,490 | †109.7 | 7,574 |
| May .. | | 1,855 | 689 | 2,544 | 880 | 1,726 | 1,521 | †133.8 | 8,709 |
| June .. | | 1,859 | 688 | 2,547 | 883 | 1,729 | 1,552 | | 8,438 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | | 1,858 | 690 | 2,548 | 883 | 1,730 | 1,548 | | 7,679 |
| August .. | | 1,864 | 691 | 2,555 | 884 | 1,738 | 1,607 | | |
| September .. | | 1,868 | 696 | 2,564 | 886 | 1,752 | 1,604 | | |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (c) Excludes working proprietors. (d) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus 45 per cent. of female employment. Seasonally adjusted. (e) Monthly average for years, and monthly totals. (f) June, 1933. (g) July, 1933. (h) July, 1939. (i) Averages for year. (j) June, 1943. (k) June, 1945. (l) June, 1946. (m) June, 1947. (n) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways systems. (o) Coal stoppage.

For meaning of symbols . . , †, — see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period. | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (a) | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of Period. (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). | | | Building Permits (b) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Savings Bank Deposits at end of Period. | Australian Notes held by Public. | Bank Clearings Six Capitals (Weekly Averages). | Nine Trading Banks. | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Deposits. | | |
| | | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, etc. | | | | | | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Advances. |
| | | £'000. (c) | '000. | '000. | £'000. (c) | £ millions. (d) | £ millions. (d) | £ millions. (e) | £ millions. (e) | £ millions. (e) | £ millions. (e) |
| 1932-33 .. | 1,053 | 438 | 106 | 565 | 202.3 | 25.0 | 30.1 | 183.2 | 86.7 | 231.0 | |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,318 | 499 | 214 | 1,986 | 230.9 | 29.9 | 42.0 | 184.7 | 112.9 | 262.5 | |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,396 | 535 | 242 | 2,307 | 240.4 | 31.9 | 44.0 | 194.8 | 120.0 | 274.4 | |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,447 | 562 | 258 | 2,353 | 245.6 | 33.1 | 43.1 | 198.8 | 118.9 | 288.1 | |
| 1943-44 .. | 2,223 | 493 | 274 | 299 | 471.5 | 149.3 | 70.5 | 211.7 | 291.0 | 232.4 | |
| 1944-45 .. | 2,323 | 506 | 291 | 520 | 567.0 | 177.1 | 72.2 | 224.0 | 343.8 | 208.7 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 2,371 | 523 | 333 | 2,190 | 663.6 | 175.7 | 79.6 | 220.4 | 386.0 | 212.2 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,484 | 550 | 376 | 4,084 | 660.0 | 180.7 | 93.9 | 206.9 | 429.7 | 261.1 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,616 | 593 | 414 | 4,687 | 681.3 | 176.0 | 109.8 | 201.9 | 471.6 | 329.9 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 2,776 | 655 | 452 | 5,577 | 714.2 | 179.5 | 131.0 | 211.3 | 565.1 | 368.6 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,196 | 769 | 501 | 7,129 | 762.1 | 195.1 | 160.4 | 224.5 | 685.6 | 403.9 | |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 2,724 | 615 | 427 | 4,767 | 686.4 | 173.9 | 132.8 | 211.4 | 530.9 | 372.6 | |
| November .. | 2,743 | 623 | 432 | 5,209 | 688.5 | 174.9 | 129.2 | 213.3 | 550.8 | 373.6 | |
| December .. | 3,001 | 629 | 436 | 4,837 | 688.4 | 188.4 | 135.1 | 213.2 | 575.4 | 371.5 | |
| January .. | 2,374 | 628 | 437 | 4,896 | 690.6 | 177.0 | 108.2 | 215.5 | 575.6 | 363.2 | |
| February .. | 2,613 | 633 | 439 | 5,490 | 694.6 | 178.9 | 131.3 | 214.7 | 598.7 | 363.2 | |
| March .. | 3,159 | 640 | 444 | 7,220 | 696.3 | 182.2 | 135.2 | 214.0 | 612.0 | 360.0 | |
| April .. | 2,649 | 641 | 444 | 5,709 | 699.6 | 185.5 | 134.3 | 218.4 | 612.2 | 372.7 | |
| May .. | 2,956 | 649 | 448 | 6,801 | 701.5 | 184.2 | 146.2 | 217.8 | 608.4 | 375.1 | |
| June .. | 3,130 | 655 | 452 | 5,922 | 714.2 | 189.1 | 145.5 | 215.9 | 601.5 | 383.3 | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,522 | 660 | 451 | 5,026 | 719.6 | 187.1 | 140.9 | 213.4 | 579.2 | 392.0 | |
| August .. | 2,935 | 670 | 457 | 6,401 | 721.4 | 187.9 | 118.5 | 212.6 | 578.5 | 390.5 | |
| September .. | 2,868 | 677 | 462 | 7,136 | 723.2 | 189.9 | 145.5 | 211.7 | 590.6 | 393.7 | |
| October .. | 3,062 | 682 | 465 | 6,507 | 727.9 | 190.2 | 151.0 | 211.3 | 610.0 | 400.7 | |
| November .. | 3,351 | 692 | 471 | 6,828 | 729.5 | 192.0 | 163.2 | 221.1 | 644.1 | 404.6 | |
| December .. | 3,515 | 702 | 477 | 5,101 | 732.1 | 206.6 | 173.7 | 222.2 | 692.4 | 404.0 | |
| January .. | 3,010 | 709 | 477 | 6,221 | 735.8 | 192.6 | 142.1 | 226.8 | 703.0 | 400.9 | |
| February .. | 3,332 | 716 | 482 | 8,011 | 739.2 | 194.1 | 164.9 | 228.9 | 737.8 | 399.8 | |
| March .. | 3,582 | 731 | 486 | 8,357 | 741.8 | 197.4 | 187.0 | 231.4 | 775.2 | 404.7 | |
| April .. | 2,916 | 739 | 489 | 6,716 | 744.7 | 200.5 | 164.9 | 238.6 | 779.4 | 414.9 | |
| May .. | 3,703 | 755 | 497 | 10,043 | 746.1 | 199.7 | 182.6 | 235.6 | 766.0 | 414.1 | |
| June .. | 3,550 | 769 | 501 | 9,198 | 762.1 | 203.2 | 183.7 | 239.4 | 765.5 | 427.2 | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,021 | +779 | +506 | 9,117 | 763.9 | 203.7 | 186.3 | 244.5 | 753.3 | 440.5 | |
| August .. | 3,595 | +788 | +505 | 10,026 | 762.4 | 205.8 | 160.7 | 244.3 | 739.1 | 444.1 | |
| September .. | 3,276 | +799 | +510 | 9,602 | 766.5 | 208.3 | 194.4 | 244.0 | 758.3 | 449.2 | |
| October .. | 3,604 | | | | 766.6 | 208.5 | 210.0 | 248.7 | 808.4 | 465.0 | |

(a) Actual collections. (b) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 28). (c) Monthly averages. (d) Average of twelve monthly statements. (e) Average twelve months ended June.

For meaning of symbols †, — see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA. (a)

('000.)

| Month. | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|---------|---|-----------------|--|---|------------------|---|-------|
| | Govern- ment- al Authori- ties.(b) | Private Employers. | Total. | Mining and Quarry- ing. | Fac- tories. | Build- ing and Con- struction. (c) | Transport and Communi- cation. | Retail Trade. | Other Com- merce and Finance. | |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 349.8 | 943.3 | 1,293.1 | 52.2 | 391.5 | 149.7 | 185.9 | 259.7 | 133.6 |
| 1943—June | .. | 413.3 | 859.9 | 1,273.2 | 45.2 | 520.7 | 91.8 | 195.7 | 71.7 | 89.3 |
| 1944—June | .. | 404.5 | 871.1 | 1,275.6 | 43.4 | 518.2 | 83.7 | 201.9 | 71.4 | 92.7 |
| 1945—June | .. | 400.2 | 896.1 | 1,296.3 | 43.6 | 514.5 | 87.9 | 209.2 | 76.4 | 97.1 |
| 1946—June | .. | 435.0 | 1,071.5 | 1,506.5 | 48.8 | 558.4 | 124.9 | 237.8 | 103.2 | 133.4 |
| 1947—June | .. | 472.0 | 1,177.4 | 1,649.4 | 51.0 | 593.2 | 155.7 | 256.4 | 116.0 | 151.9 |
| 1948—June | .. | 494.0 | 1,236.9 | 1,730.9 | 52.7 | 625.0 | 167.8 | 269.9 | 123.3 | 161.7 |
| 1949—May(e) | .. | 518.9 | 1,268.2 | 1,787.1 | 52.3 | 635.9 | 180.9 | 281.7 | 125.6 | 169.9 |
| 1950—April | .. | 551.5 | 1,294.6 | 1,846.1 | 53.9 | 651.8 | 193.1 | 290.6 | 127.0 | 176.8 |
| May | .. | 554.0 | 1,301.3 | 1,855.3 | 53.8 | 655.8 | 195.8 | 291.4 | 127.0 | 178.0 |
| June | .. | 553.5 | 1,305.2 | 1,858.7 | 53.9 | 659.0 | 197.2 | 292.8 | 127.1 | 178.0 |
| July | .. | 554.4 | 1,304.2 | 1,858.6 | 54.2 | 659.0 | 197.7 | 293.0 | 127.2 | 177.7 |
| August | .. | 556.1 | 1,307.4 | 1,863.5 | 54.3 | 659.9 | 199.3 | 293.2 | 127.3 | 179.0 |
| September | .. | 557.2 | 1,310.9 | 1,868.1 | 54.2 | 660.2 | 201.3 | 292.9 | 127.6 | 180.9 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 55.2 | 381.9 | 437.1 | 0.3 | 148.2 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 114.9 | 129.0 |
| 1943—June | .. | 135.9 | 504.8 | 640.7 | 0.6 | 228.6 | 2.4 | 34.6 | 98.5 | 52.6 |
| 1944—June | .. | 134.0 | 497.5 | 631.5 | 0.5 | 217.4 | 2.4 | 36.3 | 94.1 | 52.1 |
| 1945—June | .. | 124.8 | 494.6 | 619.4 | 0.4 | 206.3 | 2.2 | 37.0 | 96.4 | 52.6 |
| 1946—June | .. | 94.0 | 502.0 | 596.0 | 0.5 | 192.1 | 2.4 | 32.4 | 99.6 | 50.8 |
| 1947—June | .. | 92.1 | 527.5 | 619.6 | 0.5 | 199.9 | 2.6 | 32.4 | 104.0 | 53.0 |
| 1948—June | .. | 94.9 | 549.1 | 644.0 | 0.6 | 208.0 | 2.9 | 35.0 | 109.3 | 56.9 |
| 1949—May(e) | .. | 99.2 | 564.9 | 664.1 | 0.7 | 215.6 | 3.1 | 37.0 | 111.1 | 59.8 |
| 1950—April | .. | 107.0 | 579.1 | 686.1 | 0.7 | 223.5 | 3.2 | 38.5 | 112.5 | 64.1 |
| May | .. | 107.3 | 581.4 | 688.7 | 0.7 | 224.1 | 3.3 | 38.7 | 113.5 | 64.4 |
| June | .. | 107.6 | 580.6 | 688.2 | 0.7 | 223.8 | 3.3 | 38.8 | 113.3 | 64.8 |
| July | .. | 108.2 | 581.5 | 689.7 | 0.7 | 224.0 | 3.3 | 38.8 | 113.0 | 65.2 |
| August | .. | 108.3 | 582.8 | 691.1 | 0.8 | 224.3 | 3.4 | 38.9 | 113.2 | 65.6 |
| September | .. | 108.9 | 586.9 | 695.8 | 0.8 | 225.9 | 3.4 | 39.3 | 114.1 | 66.3 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 405.0 | 1,325.2 | 1,730.2 | 52.5 | 539.7 | 150.9 | 198.5 | 374.6 | 262.6 |
| 1943—June | .. | 549.2 | 1,364.7 | 1,913.9 | 45.8 | 749.3 | 94.2 | 230.3 | 170.2 | 141.9 |
| 1944—June | .. | 538.5 | 1,368.6 | 1,907.1 | 43.9 | 735.6 | 86.1 | 238.2 | 165.5 | 144.8 |
| 1945—June | .. | 525.0 | 1,390.7 | 1,915.7 | 44.0 | 720.8 | 90.1 | 246.2 | 172.8 | 149.7 |
| 1946—June | .. | 529.0 | 1,573.5 | 2,102.5 | 49.3 | 750.5 | 127.3 | 270.2 | 202.8 | 184.2 |
| 1947—June | .. | 564.1 | 1,704.9 | 2,269.0 | 51.5 | 793.1 | 158.3 | 288.8 | 220.0 | 204.9 |
| 1948—June | .. | 588.9 | 1,786.0 | 2,374.9 | 53.3 | 833.0 | 170.7 | 304.9 | 232.6 | 218.6 |
| 1949—May(e) | .. | 618.1 | 1,833.1 | 2,451.2 | 53.0 | 851.5 | 184.0 | 318.7 | 236.7 | 229.7 |
| 1950—April | .. | 658.5 | 1,873.7 | 2,532.2 | 54.6 | 875.3 | 196.3 | 329.1 | 239.5 | 240.9 |
| May | .. | 661.3 | 1,882.7 | 2,544.0 | 54.5 | 879.9 | 199.1 | 330.1 | 240.5 | 242.4 |
| June | .. | 661.1 | 1,885.8 | 2,546.9 | 54.6 | 882.8 | 200.5 | 331.6 | 240.4 | 242.8 |
| July | .. | 662.6 | 1,885.7 | 2,548.3 | 54.9 | 883.0 | 201.0 | 331.8 | 240.2 | 242.9 |
| August | .. | 664.4 | 1,890.2 | 2,554.6 | 55.1 | 884.2 | 202.7 | 332.1 | 240.5 | 244.6 |
| September | .. | 666.1 | 1,897.8 | 2,563.9 | 55.0 | 886.1 | 204.7 | 332.2 | 241.7 | 247.2 |

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad. Estimated total employment is based on Pay Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, post office, education, police, public works, &c., as well as administrative employees. (c) Previously included new Australians temporarily employed by Defence Authorities; these—numbering 500 in September, 1950—are still included in total employment. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Figures for June, 1949, showed some of the effect of the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES. (a)

('000.)

| Month. | | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------|----|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9 | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,293.1 |
| 1943—June | .. | 525.1 | 355.2 | 167.3 | 110.6 | 70.4 | 36.9 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 1,273.2 |
| 1944—June | .. | 524.1 | 352.1 | 169.0 | 110.3 | 71.7 | 37.9 | 7.7 | 2.8 | 1,275.6 |
| 1945—June | .. | 536.0 | 359.2 | 169.0 | 109.4 | 75.9 | 39.5 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 1,296.3 |
| 1946—June | .. | 618.5 | 417.9 | 192.4 | 129.6 | 93.9 | 46.9 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 1,506.5 |
| 1947—June | .. | 671.8 | 452.6 | 220.2 | 140.9 | 103.9 | 51.1 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 1,649.4 |
| 1948—June | .. | 702.3 | 473.3 | 232.6 | 149.0 | 109.2 | 54.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 1,730.9 |
| 1949—May(b) | .. | 721.4 | 489.3 | 239.8 | 155.0 | 112.8 | 57.4 | 4.2 | 7.2 | 1,787.1 |
| 1950—April | .. | 737.0 | 508.2 | 246.9 | 164.0 | 119.4 | 58.5 | 4.5 | 7.6 | 1,846.1 |
| May | .. | 740.7 | 509.1 | 249.1 | 165.1 | 120.6 | 58.7 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 1,855.3 |
| June | .. | 740.8 | 510.7 | 250.4 | 165.7 | 120.5 | 58.4 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 1,858.7 |
| July | .. | 740.4 | 509.4 | 251.3 | 166.4 | 120.4 | 58.3 | 4.7 | 7.7 | 1,858.6 |
| August | .. | 742.8 | 510.0 | 252.2 | 166.7 | 121.3 | 58.1 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 1,863.5 |
| September | .. | 744.9 | 510.3 | 253.3 | 167.4 | 121.7 | 58.0 | 4.6 | 7.9 | 1,868.1 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1943—June | .. | 254.4 | 205.4 | 74.1 | 52.9 | 35.5 | 16.7 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 640.7 |
| 1944—June | .. | 250.9 | 198.3 | 77.4 | 50.3 | 35.9 | 16.8 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 631.5 |
| 1945—June | .. | 247.9 | 193.2 | 75.1 | 49.0 | 35.6 | 16.6 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 619.4 |
| 1946—June | .. | 242.3 | 183.7 | 71.2 | 45.8 | 34.5 | 16.6 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 596.0 |
| 1947—June | .. | 252.1 | 190.5 | 74.5 | 48.0 | 35.6 | 16.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 619.6 |
| 1948—June | .. | 261.9 | 196.7 | 77.9 | 50.1 | 37.0 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 644.0 |
| 1949—May(b) | .. | 269.9 | 202.5 | 80.1 | 52.2 | 37.8 | 18.8 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 664.1 |
| 1950—April | .. | 277.5 | 209.9 | 82.4 | 54.2 | 39.8 | 19.4 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 686.1 |
| May | .. | 279.6 | 209.7 | 82.9 | 54.3 | 39.8 | 19.4 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 688.7 |
| June | .. | 278.5 | 210.0 | 83.1 | 54.3 | 39.9 | 19.4 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 688.2 |
| July | .. | 279.0 | 210.3 | 83.6 | 54.7 | 39.8 | 19.3 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 689.7 |
| August | .. | 279.6 | 211.1 | 83.6 | 54.9 | 40.0 | 18.9 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 691.1 |
| September | .. | 281.7 | 212.2 | 84.0 | 55.5 | 40.4 | 19.0 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 695.8 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 697.9 | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1,730.2 |
| 1943—June | .. | 779.5 | 560.6 | 241.4 | 163.5 | 105.9 | 53.6 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 1,913.9 |
| 1944—June | .. | 775.0 | 550.4 | 246.4 | 160.6 | 107.6 | 54.7 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 1,907.1 |
| 1945—June | .. | 783.9 | 552.4 | 244.1 | 158.4 | 111.5 | 56.1 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 1,915.7 |
| 1946—June | .. | 860.8 | 601.6 | 263.6 | 175.4 | 128.4 | 63.5 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 2,102.5 |
| 1947—June | .. | 923.9 | 643.1 | 294.7 | 188.9 | 139.5 | 68.0 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 2,269.0 |
| 1948—June | .. | 964.2 | 670.0 | 310.5 | 199.1 | 146.2 | 72.5 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 2,374.9 |
| 1949—May(b) | .. | 991.3 | 691.8 | 319.9 | 207.2 | 150.6 | 76.2 | 4.9 | 9.3 | 2,451.2 |
| 1950—April | .. | 1,014.5 | 718.1 | 329.3 | 218.2 | 159.2 | 77.9 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 2,532.2 |
| May | .. | 1,020.3 | 718.8 | 332.0 | 219.4 | 160.4 | 78.1 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 2,544.0 |
| June | .. | 1,019.3 | 720.7 | 333.5 | 220.0 | 160.4 | 77.8 | 5.4 | 9.8 | 2,546.9 |
| July | .. | 1,019.4 | 719.7 | 334.9 | 221.1 | 160.2 | 77.6 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 2,548.3 |
| August | .. | 1,022.4 | 721.1 | 335.8 | 221.6 | 161.3 | 77.0 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 2,554.6 |
| September | .. | 1,026.6 | 722.5 | 337.3 | 222.9 | 162.1 | 77.0 | 5.4 | 10.1 | 2,563.9 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 4.
 showed some of the effect of the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

(b) Figures for June, 1949.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Vic- toria. | Queens- land. | South Aus- tralia. | Western Aus- tralia. | Tas- mania. | Australia. | | | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|---|-------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | | |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 197.8 | 183.0 | 45.9 | 39.3 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 359.6 | 139.6 | 499.2 | 950 | 959 |
| 1937-38 .. | 215.6 | 193.6 | 49.6 | 42.6 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 387.7 | 148.2 | 535.9 | 1,019 | 1,019 |
| 1938-39 .. | 219.5 | 193.9 | 51.5 | 42.0 | 22.1 | 13.2 | 391.8 | 150.4 | 542.2 | 1,031 | 1,022 |
| 1943-44 .. | 313.8 | 253.9 | 62.5 | 67.9 | 27.2 | 19.2 | 519.4 | 225.1 | (a)744.5 | 1,416 | 1,338 |
| 1944-45 .. | 304.8 | 249.6 | 61.8 | 64.0 | 28.1 | 18.9 | 515.5 | 211.7 | (a)727.2 | 1,383 | 1,293 |
| 1945-46 .. | 300.9 | 245.9 | 63.0 | 60.9 | 29.1 | 18.4 | 524.8 | 193.4 | 718.2 | 1,366 | 1,264 |
| 1946-47 .. | 331.3 | 256.1 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 32.2 | 19.2 | 578.2 | 197.4 | 775.6 | 1,475 | 1,347 |
| 1947-48 .. | 349.8 | 268.1 | 73.0 | 71.1 | 34.0 | 20.3 | 611.5 | 204.8 | 816.3 | 1,553 | 1,397 |
| 1948-49† .. | 358.8 | 274.9 | 76.8 | 73.4 | 35.2 | 21.2 | 628.0 | 212.3 | 840.3 | 1,598 | 1,408 |
| 1949-50† .. | 358.8 | 281.5 | 79.6 | 75.7 | 36.6 | 21.9 | 636.9 | 217.2 | 854.1 | 1,624 | 1,387 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49—† | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 358.4 | 272.5 | 77.6 | 72.9 | 34.8 | 20.8 | 625.3 | 211.7 | 837.0 | 1,592 | 1,413 |
| October .. | 358.8 | 273.1 | 76.9 | 73.1 | 35.1 | 20.6 | 624.8 | 212.8 | 837.6 | 1,593 | 1,410 |
| November .. | 360.3 | 274.3 | 77.2 | 73.0 | 35.2 | 20.8 | 627.0 | 213.8 | 840.8 | 1,599 | 1,413 |
| December .. | 358.9 | 274.3 | 74.3 | 73.2 | 35.2 | 21.1 | 624.7 | 212.3 | 837.0 | 1,592 | 1,403 |
| January .. | 359.1 | 274.1 | 73.7 | 73.7 | 34.9 | 21.2 | 627.6 | 209.1 | 836.7 | 1,592 | 1,400 |
| February .. | 362.2 | 276.2 | 75.1 | 73.8 | 34.9 | 21.2 | 630.1 | 213.3 | 843.4 | 1,604 | 1,407 |
| March .. | 363.0 | 278.6 | 76.6 | 73.9 | 35.7 | 21.6 | 633.8 | 215.6 | 849.4 | 1,616 | 1,415 |
| April .. | 361.6 | 277.3 | 77.1 | 74.4 | 35.8 | 22.0 | 633.0 | 215.2 | 848.2 | 1,613 | 1,409 |
| May .. | 363.0 | 277.9 | 78.5 | 74.3 | 35.7 | 22.1 | 635.9 | 215.6 | 851.5 | 1,620 | 1,411 |
| June .. | 346.1 | 277.2 | 78.9 | 74.0 | 35.6 | 21.8 | 623.3 | 210.3 | 833.6 | 1,586 | 1,377 |
| 1949-50—† | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 284.2 | 276.1 | 72.9 | 69.1 | 34.6 | 21.4 | 567.0 | 191.3 | 758.3 | 1,442 | 1,248 |
| August .. | 348.0 | 276.4 | 79.8 | 71.2 | 35.7 | 21.2 | 622.1 | 210.2 | 832.3 | 1,583 | 1,367 |
| September .. | 357.3 | 277.2 | 80.7 | 73.5 | 36.1 | 21.2 | 631.2 | 214.8 | 846.0 | 1,609 | 1,386 |
| October .. | 362.6 | 278.7 | 80.6 | 74.4 | 36.1 | 21.3 | 636.2 | 217.5 | 853.7 | 1,624 | 1,395 |
| November .. | 364.6 | 280.8 | 80.6 | 74.9 | 36.3 | 21.5 | 639.1 | 219.6 | 858.7 | 1,633 | 1,399 |
| December .. | 363.0 | 280.3 | 78.3 | 76.0 | 36.5 | 22.0 | 638.0 | 218.1 | 856.1 | 1,628 | 1,391 |
| January .. | 365.5 | 281.0 | 78.1 | 77.0 | 36.8 | 21.8 | 642.7 | 217.5 | 860.2 | 1,636 | 1,395 |
| February .. | 370.2 | 283.1 | 80.1 | 77.1 | 37.0 | 21.8 | 647.6 | 221.7 | 869.3 | 1,653 | 1,406 |
| March .. | 371.6 | 286.3 | 80.2 | 78.1 | 37.4 | 22.4 | 651.7 | 224.3 | 876.0 | 1,666 | 1,413 |
| April .. | 371.0 | 285.4 | 80.3 | 78.6 | 37.4 | 22.6 | 651.8 | 223.5 | 875.3 | 1,665 | 1,409 |
| May .. | 373.7 | 285.8 | 81.0 | 78.8 | 37.9 | 22.7 | 655.8 | 224.1 | 879.9 | 1,674 | 1,413 |
| June .. | 374.4 | 286.4 | 82.5 | 79.1 | 37.9 | 22.5 | 659.0 | 223.8 | 882.8 | 1,679 | 1,413 |
| 1950-51—† | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 373.8 | 286.5 | 83.0 | 79.6 | 37.8 | 22.3 | 659.0 | 224.0 | 883.0 | 1,679 | 1,410 |
| August .. | 375.5 | 286.6 | 83.3 | 79.3 | 37.9 | 21.6 | 659.9 | 224.3 | 884.2 | 1,682 | 1,408 |
| September .. | 376.2 | 287.1 | 83.3 | 79.9 | 38.1 | 21.5 | 660.2 | 225.9 | 886.1 | 1,685 | 1,408 |

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1943-44, 116.0, and 1944-45, 89.1.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

RETAIL STORES EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on Pay-Roll Tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

| Month. | | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|---|----|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Males—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.) | | | | | | | | |
| 1941—November | .. | 1,007 | 996 | 1,020 | 987 | 961 | 996 | 1,001 |
| 1945—August | .. | 734 | 758 | 762 | 803 | 788 | 867 | 758 |
| Females—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.) | | | | | | | | |
| 1941—November | .. | 1,060 | 1,055 | 1,069 | 1,075 | 1,070 | 1,058 | 1,062 |
| 1945—August | .. | 965 | 922 | 1,055 | 1,042 | 1,003 | 1,060 | 975 |
| 1949—September | .. | 1,155 | 1,113 | 1,273 | 1,216 | 1,234 | 1,275 | 1,172 |
| October | .. | 1,164 | 1,122 | 1,293 | 1,208 | 1,243 | 1,286 | 1,181 |
| November | .. | 1,196 | 1,150 | 1,326 | 1,231 | 1,281 | 1,318 | 1,212 |
| December | .. | 1,291 | 1,164 | 1,370 | 1,236 | 1,346 | 1,367 | 1,266 |
| 1950—January | .. | 1,164 | 1,128 | 1,321 | 1,232 | 1,284 | 1,320 | 1,191 |
| February | .. | 1,157 | 1,093 | 1,325 | 1,240 | 1,238 | 1,316 | 1,176 |
| March | .. | 1,191 | 1,100 | 1,334 | 1,234 | 1,287 | 1,279 | 1,195 |
| April | .. | 1,193 | 1,103 | 1,338 | 1,235 | 1,295 | 1,307 | 1,199 |
| May | .. | 1,211 | 1,110 | 1,354 | 1,247 | 1,297 | 1,323 | 1,212 |
| June.. | .. | 1,203 | 1,115 | 1,353 | 1,249 | 1,314 | 1,340 | 1,211 |
| July | .. | 1,206 | 1,107 | 1,358 | 1,244 | 1,303 | 1,321 | 1,210 |
| August | .. | 1,213 | 1,116 | 1,369 | 1,237 | 1,306 | 1,321 | 1,216 |
| September | .. | 1,232 | 1,112 | 1,384 | 1,250 | 1,315 | 1,339 | 1,229 |
| Persons—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.) | | | | | | | | |
| 1941—November | .. | 1,034 | 1,025 | 1,042 | 1,031 | 1,016 | 1,024 | 1,030 |
| 1945—August | .. | 849 | 837 | 892 | 922 | 897 | 953 | 864 |
| 1949—September | .. | 1,223 | 1,211 | 1,288 | 1,312 | 1,365 | 1,278 | 1,243 |
| October | .. | 1,227 | 1,212 | 1,293 | 1,311 | 1,375 | 1,286 | 1,246 |
| November | .. | 1,261 | 1,235 | 1,327 | 1,333 | 1,402 | 1,315 | 1,275 |
| December | .. | 1,340 | 1,253 | 1,367 | 1,342 | 1,470 | 1,350 | 1,323 |
| 1950—January | .. | 1,243 | 1,221 | 1,337 | 1,336 | 1,410 | 1,320 | 1,266 |
| February | .. | 1,240 | 1,192 | 1,326 | 1,338 | 1,387 | 1,322 | 1,253 |
| March | .. | 1,258 | 1,200 | 1,326 | 1,335 | 1,415 | 1,301 | 1,264 |
| April | .. | 1,260 | 1,204 | 1,324 | 1,337 | 1,415 | 1,315 | 1,266 |
| May | .. | 1,270 | 1,204 | 1,339 | 1,350 | 1,418 | 1,318 | 1,274 |
| June.. | .. | 1,267 | 1,209 | 1,338 | 1,355 | 1,429 | 1,339 | 1,275 |
| July | .. | 1,272 | 1,207 | 1,346 | 1,348 | 1,423 | 1,325 | 1,276 |
| August | .. | 1,278 | 1,216 | 1,354 | 1,349 | 1,419 | 1,325 | 1,282 |
| September | .. | 1,292 | 1,222 | 1,363 | 1,361 | 1,428 | 1,333 | 1,293 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period. | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|---|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). | | | | | | | |
| 1943-44 | 4,757 | 3,254 | 1,624 | 966 | 607 | 304 | 11,512 |
| 1944-45 | 4,721 | 3,194 | 1,553 | 935 | 626 | 312 | 11,341 |
| 1945-46 | 4,980 | 3,390 | 1,566 | 949 | 692 | 345 | 11,922 |
| 1946-47 | 5,851 | 3,970 | 1,773 | 1,152 | 830 | 410 | 13,986 |
| 1947-48 | 6,970 | 4,717 | 2,065 | 1,364 | 955 | 491 | 16,562 |
| 1948-49 | 8,105 | 5,536 | 2,497 | 1,646 | 1,127 | 576 | 19,487 |
| 1949-50 | 8,988 | 6,358 | 2,830 | 1,893 | 1,320 | 668 | 22,057 |
| 1947-48— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 6,480 | 4,399 | 2,004 | 1,269 | 902 | 447 | 15,501 |
| December | 7,229 | 4,817 | 2,147 | 1,365 | 970 | 492 | 17,020 |
| March | 6,753 | 4,543 | 1,863 | 1,350 | 936 | 486 | 15,931 |
| June | 7,419 | 5,109 | 2,245 | 1,472 | 1,011 | 540 | 17,796 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 7,759 | 5,303 | 2,426 | 1,580 | 1,081 | 537 | 18,686 |
| December | 8,436 | 5,646 | 2,614 | 1,664 | 1,166 | 582 | 20,108 |
| March | 7,730 | 5,307 | 2,345 | 1,600 | 1,073 | 569 | 18,624 |
| June | 8,493 | 5,882 | 2,605 | 1,738 | 1,188 | 616 | 20,522 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 7,982 | 5,911 | 2,674 | 1,742 | 1,224 | 617 | 20,150 |
| December | 9,394 | 6,501 | 2,900 | 1,904 | 1,335 | 667 | 22,701 |
| March | 8,864 | 6,147 | 2,736 | 1,868 | 1,326 | 661 | 21,602 |
| June | 9,713 | 6,873 | 3,012 | 2,056 | 1,395 | 726 | 23,775 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 9,989 | 7,046 | 3,157 | 2,120 | 1,495 | 709 | 24,516 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c) | | | | | | | |
| 1943-44 | 6.87 | 6.83 | 6.60 | 6.26 | 6.28 | 5.84 | 6.70 |
| 1944-45 | 6.74 | 6.71 | 6.37 | 6.12 | 6.27 | 5.76 | 6.57 |
| 1945-46 | 6.68 | 6.72 | 6.04 | 5.98 | 6.15 | 5.76 | 6.48 |
| 1946-47 | 6.93 | 7.00 | 6.10 | 6.29 | 6.30 | 6.04 | 6.71 |
| 1947-48 | 7.85 | 7.93 | 6.67 | 7.10 | 6.98 | 6.81 | 7.55 |
| 1948-49 | 8.87 | 9.02 | 7.74 | 8.18 | 7.93 | 7.63 | 8.57 |
| 1949-50 | 9.68 | 10.00 | 8.49 | 9.00 | 8.85 | 8.60 | 9.45 |
| 1947-48— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 7.40 | 7.52 | 6.46 | 6.71 | 6.70 | 6.35 | 7.16 |
| December | 8.15 | 8.14 | 6.88 | 7.15 | 7.12 | 6.89 | 7.77 |
| March | 7.58 | 7.60 | 6.20 | 7.01 | 6.83 | 6.67 | 7.27 |
| June | 8.25 | 8.46 | 7.09 | 7.51 | 7.25 | 7.28 | 7.98 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 8.58 | 8.76 | 7.55 | 7.98 | 7.72 | 7.26 | 8.33 |
| December | 9.24 | 9.24 | 8.13 | 8.31 | 8.21 | 7.78 | 8.89 |
| March | 8.41 | 8.60 | 7.33 | 7.91 | 7.54 | 7.47 | 8.18 |
| June | 9.24 | 9.46 | 7.97 | 8.50 | 8.24 | 8.01 | 8.95 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 9.01 | 9.49 | 8.16 | 8.56 | 8.39 | 8.08 | 8.91 |
| December | 10.06 | 10.28 | 8.71 | 9.12 | 9.02 | 8.61 | 9.73 |
| March | 9.40 | 9.60 | 8.21 | 8.80 | 8.84 | 8.46 | 9.16 |
| June | 10.23 | 10.62 | 8.87 | 9.52 | 9.14 | 9.21 | 9.97 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 10.46 | 10.87 | 9.14 | 9.70 | 9.72 | 9.07 | 10.22 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1950*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period. | Unemployment. | | | | | | | Sickness. | Special.(d) |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia. | Australia. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 | 3,380 | 321 | 1,510 | 854 | 443 | 43 | 6,551 | 5,902 | 123 |
| 1946-47 | 1,815 | 1,697 | 4,610 | 206 | 1,032 | 78 | 9,438 | 8,530 | 405 |
| 1947-48 | 637 | 140 | 2,640 | 49 | 390 | 32 | 3,888 | 9,931 | 616 |
| 1948-49 | 282 | 32 | 1,094 | 15 | 121 | 31 | 1,575 | 10,673 | 801 |
| 1949-50 | 8,327 | 123 | 1,371 | 241 | 155 | 30 | 10,247 | 12,728 | 1,238 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 278 | 53 | 732 | 24 | 193 | 31 | 1,311 | 10,478 | 750 |
| August | 292 | 38 | 700 | 19 | 175 | 36 | 1,260 | 10,724 | 767 |
| September | 235 | 29 | 586 | 19 | 149 | 36 | 1,054 | 10,555 | 764 |
| October | 420 | 34 | 548 | 11 | 116 | 37 | 1,166 | 10,247 | 799 |
| November | 375 | 26 | 602 | 7 | 102 | 32 | 1,144 | 10,198 | 764 |
| December | 308 | 27 | 1,119 | 11 | 104 | 32 | 1,601 | 10,070 | 791 |
| January | 294 | 24 | 1,704 | 8 | 121 | 30 | 2,181 | 10,443 | 767 |
| February | 215 | 18 | 2,069 | 7 | 113 | 29 | 2,451 | 10,684 | 797 |
| March | 231 | 21 | 2,081 | 9 | 99 | 24 | 2,465 | 10,851 | 809 |
| April | 231 | 26 | 1,531 | 18 | 87 | 28 | 1,921 | 10,642 | 830 |
| May | 222 | 33 | 809 | 12 | 91 | 29 | 1,196 | 11,200 | 875 |
| June | 283 | 51 | 648 | 30 | 107 | 32 | 1,151 | 12,000 | 904 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 92,086 | 163 | 6,658 | 2,196 | 358 | 41 | 101,502 | 11,706 | 2,386 |
| August | 3,809 | 174 | 853 | 333 | 242 | 37 | 5,448 | 11,969 | 1,135 |
| September | 728 | 125 | 515 | 40 | 199 | 37 | 1,644 | 12,375 | 1,082 |
| October | 442 | 98 | 483 | 41 | 181 | 34 | 1,279 | 12,932 | 1,121 |
| November | 406 | 85 | 510 | 41 | 170 | 28 | 1,240 | 13,004 | 1,139 |
| December | 431 | 91 | 742 | 44 | 168 | 26 | 1,502 | 13,029 | 1,117 |
| January | 407 | 101 | 1,143 | 38 | 92 | 23 | 1,804 | 12,931 | 1,145 |
| February | 381 | 112 | 1,359 | 37 | 96 | 28 | 2,013 | 13,137 | 1,166 |
| March | 315 | 105 | 1,567 | 30 | 70 | 24 | 2,111 | 12,847 | 1,149 |
| April | 305 | 144 | 1,320 | 29 | 81 | 23 | 1,902 | 12,820 | 1,144 |
| May | 287 | 125 | 733 | 27 | 91 | 26 | 1,289 | 13,048 | 1,148 |
| June | 335 | 151 | 568 | 32 | 108 | 32 | 1,226 | 12,941 | 1,129 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| July† | 894 | 166 | 523 | 26 | 131 | 30 | 1,770 | 13,460 | 1,154 |

(a) Last Saturday of month.

(d) Excludes new Australians.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. | | | Amount Paid in Benefits— | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------|---------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Unemployment. | | Sickness. | Special— | | Total. |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | New Australians. | Others. | |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945–46 | 5,455 | 1,024 | 6,479 | 43,756 | 43,822 | — | 356 | 356 | 87,934 |
| 1946–47 | 6,115 | 433 | 6,548 | 75,902 | 59,280 | — | 2,328 | 2,328 | 137,510 |
| 1947–48 | 2,273 | 116 | 2,389 | 30,802 | 65,944 | 1,319 | 3,391 | 3,391 | 101,456 |
| 1948–49 | 955 | 56 | 1,011 | 11,570 | 66,319 | 7,088 | 4,225 | 4,225 | 89,202 |
| 1949–50 | 10,854 | 2,571 | 13,425 | 105,506 | 68,001 | 35,361 | | 208,868 | |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948–49— | | | | | | | | | |
| August .. | 571 | 55 | 626 | 8,298 | 81,018 | 2,934 | 4,554 | 4,554 | 96,804 |
| September .. | 542 | 60 | 602 | 4,954 | 64,473 | 1,395 | 3,878 | 3,878 | 74,700 |
| October .. | 939 | 51 | 990 | 8,330 | 73,206 | 4,328 | 4,288 | 4,288 | 90,152 |
| November .. | 973 | 61 | 1,034 | 5,488 | 64,566 | 3,628 | 2,157 | 2,157 | 75,839 |
| December .. | 972 | 36 | 1,008 | 7,799 | 64,038 | 5,088 | 6,078 | 6,078 | 83,003 |
| January .. | 2,013 | 64 | 2,077 | 12,046 | 59,651 | 5,209 | 3,835 | 3,835 | 80,741 |
| February .. | 1,460 | 58 | 1,518 | 15,506 | 62,905 | 5,416 | 2,394 | 2,394 | 86,221 |
| March .. | 1,157 | 49 | 1,206 | 18,659 | 71,931 | 6,674 | 5,911 | 5,911 | 103,175 |
| April .. | 1,020 | 63 | 1,083 | 22,062 | 72,550 | 10,671 | 6,162 | 6,162 | 111,445 |
| May .. | 513 | 40 | 553 | 14,759 | 51,951 | 19,757 | 181 | 181 | 86,648 |
| June .. | 500 | 61 | 561 | 8,133 | 61,462 | 16,869 | 7,335 | 7,335 | 93,799 |
| 1949–50— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 112,746 | 28,415 | 141,161 | 583,025 | 56,789 | 25,001 | 6,072 | 6,072 | 670,887 |
| August .. | 10,206 | 1,595 | 11,801 | 603,293 | 77,999 | 30,577 | 14,978 | 14,978 | 726,847 |
| September .. | 651 | 92 | 743 | 99,907 | 72,743 | 47,716 | Cr. 549 | 219,817 | |
| October .. | 525 | 105 | 630 | Cr. 57,012 | 69,238 | 25,615 | 5,408 | 5,408 | 43,249 |
| November .. | 420 | 64 | 484 | Cr. 24,269 | 62,859 | 28,436 | 10,631 | 10,631 | 77,657 |
| December .. | 611 | 75 | 686 | 3,608 | 66,632 | 19,272 | 6,003 | 6,003 | 95,515 |
| January .. | 1,556 | 67 | 1,623 | 13,398 | 68,678 | 35,825 | 4,160 | 4,160 | 122,061 |
| February .. | 1,006 | 67 | 1,073 | 8,168 | 60,747 | 28,169 | 4,645 | 4,645 | 101,729 |
| March .. | 877 | 81 | 958 | 7,289 | 79,810 | 35,841 | | | 122,940 |
| April .. | 776 | 103 | 879 | 12,597 | 56,918 | 29,437 | | | 98,952 |
| May .. | 467 | 93 | 560 | 8,608 | 66,330 | 34,517 | | | 109,455 |
| June .. | 407 | 96 | 503 | 7,461 | 77,271 | 32,584 | | | 117,316 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | †1,287 | †214 | †1,501 | 4,410 | 54,538 | 25,598 | | | 84,546 |
| August .. | .. | .. | .. | 5,944 | 76,937 | 30,086 | | | 112,967 |

For meaning of symbols —, †, see page 1.

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

| Period. | | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|-------------|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1936-37 | .. .. | 12.8 | 10.1 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 8.4 | 10.6 |
| 1937-38 | .. .. | 10.0 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| 1938-39 | .. .. | 10.3 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 9.4 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 9.3 |
| 1943-44 | .. .. | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| 1944-45 | .. .. | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| 1945-46 | .. .. | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 1946-47 | .. .. | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| 1947-48 | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| 1948-49 | .. .. | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 1949-50 (a) | .. .. | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| 1947-48— | | | | | | | | |
| August | .. .. | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| November | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 0.9 |
| February | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| May | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| August | .. .. | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| November | .. .. | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| February | .. .. | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| May | .. .. | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| August (a) | .. .. | 10.2 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 5.5 |
| November | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| February | .. .. | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| May | .. .. | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| August | .. .. | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM MAY, 1950, TO AUGUST, 1950.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.6% to 0.4%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., nil (0.3%); III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.8% to 2.5%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.9% to 1.0%; V. Books, printing, &c., nil (0.2%); VI. Other Manufacturing, 1.1% to 1.7%; VII. Building, 1.3% to 1.1%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 4.2% to 3.4%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 0.5% to 0.6%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.4% to 0.6%; All groups, nil (0.8%).

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials for use in— | | | | | | | | Fuels and Lubricants. | Auxiliary Aids to Production. | Munitions and War Stores. | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| | Building and Construction. | | Rural Industries. | | Manufacturing. | | Total. | | | | | | | |
| | Class I.A. | Class I.B. | Class Ic. | | Class I. | Class II. | Class III. | Class VII. | | | | | | |
| Annual Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 4,164 | 4.0 | 1,708 | 1.7 | 41,223 | 39.9 | 47,095 | 45.6 | 7,452 | 7.2 | 4,893 | 4.7 | 386 | 0.4 |
| 1937-38 .. | 5,661 | 4.4 | 1,855 | 1.5 | 51,419 | 40.2 | 58,935 | 46.1 | 9,411 | 7.4 | 5,644 | 4.4 | 440 | 0.4 |
| 1938-39 .. | 4,622 | 4.1 | 2,053 | 1.8 | 43,181 | 38.2 | 49,856 | 44.1 | 8,828 | 7.8 | 5,630 | 4.9 | 1,059 | 0.9 |
| 1943-44 .. | 2,315 | 1.0 | 1,722 | 0.7 | 69,998 | 29.2 | 74,035 | 30.9 | 22,915 | 9.5 | 8,519 | 3.5 | 60,396 | 25.4 |
| 1944-45 .. | 2,460 | 1.2 | 2,172 | 1.0 | 73,660 | 34.7 | 78,292 | 36.9 | 19,747 | 9.3 | 9,746 | 4.6 | 49,026 | 23.1 |
| 1945-46 .. | 3,103 | 1.8 | 4,180 | 2.4 | 65,253 | 36.8 | 72,536 | 41.0 | 19,964 | 11.3 | 7,555 | 4.3 | 30,465 | 17.2 |
| 1946-47 .. | 4,867 | 2.3 | 3,795 | 1.8 | 91,138 | 43.8 | 99,800 | 47.9 | 18,300 | 8.8 | 13,557 | 6.5 | 5,128 | 2.5 |
| 1947-48 .. | 8,729 | 2.6 | 3,469 | 1.0 | 148,343 | 43.9 | 160,541 | 47.5 | 28,536 | 8.4 | 24,703 | 7.3 | 1,551 | 0.5 |
| 1948-49 .. | 14,326 | 3.5 | 3,821 | 0.9 | 162,541 | 39.2 | 180,688 | 43.6 | 36,436 | 8.8 | 26,528 | 6.4 | 3,077 | 0.7 |
| 1949-50† .. | 24,365 | 4.5 | 5,175 | 1.0 | 173,262 | 32.3 | 202,802 | 37.8 | 46,219 | 8.6 | 28,685 | 5.3 | 1,536 | 0.3 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 1,310 | 3.6 | 351 | 0.9 | 17,438 | 47.4 | 19,099 | 51.9 | 2,797 | 7.6 | 2,002 | 5.4 | 85 | 0.2 |
| October .. | 1,047 | 3.0 | 284 | 0.8 | 14,238 | 41.0 | 15,569 | 44.8 | 3,553 | 10.2 | 2,724 | 7.9 | 413 | 1.2 |
| November .. | 1,115 | 3.7 | 323 | 1.1 | 12,109 | 40.2 | 13,547 | 45.0 | 2,364 | 7.9 | 1,865 | 6.2 | 185 | 0.6 |
| December .. | 1,095 | 3.4 | 275 | 0.9 | 11,480 | 36.0 | 12,850 | 40.3 | 3,279 | 10.3 | 2,298 | 7.2 | 506 | 1.6 |
| January .. | 1,068 | 3.4 | 342 | 1.1 | 12,098 | 38.6 | 13,508 | 43.1 | 2,537 | 8.1 | 2,012 | 6.4 | 240 | 0.8 |
| February .. | 1,139 | 3.0 | 318 | 0.8 | 13,267 | 35.1 | 14,724 | 38.9 | 3,326 | 8.8 | 3,504 | 9.3 | 260 | 0.7 |
| March .. | 1,353 | 3.6 | 247 | 0.7 | 15,089 | 40.2 | 16,689 | 44.5 | 3,105 | 8.3 | 2,679 | 7.1 | 220 | 0.6 |
| April .. | 1,159 | 3.5 | 289 | 0.9 | 12,738 | 38.5 | 14,186 | 42.9 | 3,162 | 9.5 | 1,557 | 4.7 | 359 | 1.1 |
| May .. | 1,455 | 3.8 | 273 | 0.7 | 14,947 | 38.8 | 16,675 | 43.3 | 3,232 | 8.4 | 1,920 | 5.0 | 179 | 0.4 |
| June .. | 1,424 | 3.9 | 308 | 0.8 | 13,088 | 35.9 | 14,820 | 40.6 | 2,675 | 7.3 | 1,905 | 5.2 | 321 | 0.9 |
| 1949-50†— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,188 | 3.4 | 382 | 1.1 | 13,475 | 38.4 | 15,045 | 42.9 | 2,691 | 7.7 | 2,083 | 5.8 | 58 | 0.2 |
| August .. | 1,278 | 3.5 | 481 | 1.3 | 13,030 | 35.2 | 14,789 | 40.0 | 4,005 | 10.8 | 2,405 | 6.5 | 85 | 0.2 |
| September .. | 1,823 | 4.4 | 519 | 1.3 | 14,528 | 35.5 | 16,870 | 41.2 | 2,770 | 6.8 | 2,316 | 5.6 | 74 | 0.2 |
| October .. | 1,817 | 4.3 | 606 | 1.4 | 14,101 | 33.1 | 16,524 | 38.8 | 3,248 | 7.6 | 3,343 | 7.9 | 121 | 0.3 |
| November .. | 1,658 | 4.2 | 483 | 1.2 | 12,099 | 30.1 | 14,240 | 35.5 | 3,918 | 9.8 | 2,156 | 5.4 | 114 | 0.3 |
| December .. | 2,342 | 5.3 | 292 | 0.6 | 13,871 | 31.1 | 16,505 | 37.0 | 3,746 | 8.4 | 2,592 | 5.8 | 160 | 0.4 |
| January .. | 2,113 | 4.8 | 273 | 0.6 | 13,275 | 29.8 | 15,661 | 35.2 | 4,464 | 10.0 | 2,069 | 4.7 | 270 | 0.6 |
| February .. | 2,251 | 5.1 | 497 | 1.1 | 12,960 | 29.5 | 15,708 | 35.7 | 4,638 | 10.5 | 2,927 | 6.7 | 202 | 0.5 |
| March .. | 2,900 | 5.4 | 400 | 0.7 | 17,089 | 31.9 | 20,389 | 38.0 | 3,710 | 6.9 | 2,456 | 4.6 | 222 | 0.4 |
| April .. | 1,931 | 4.4 | 442 | 1.0 | 13,344 | 30.4 | 15,717 | 35.8 | 3,714 | 8.5 | 1,876 | 4.3 | 82 | 0.2 |
| May .. | 2,777 | 4.5 | 413 | 0.7 | 19,313 | 31.3 | 22,503 | 36.5 | 4,872 | 7.8 | 2,715 | 4.4 | 115 | 0.2 |
| June .. | 2,287 | 4.8 | 387 | 0.8 | 16,177 | 33.6 | 18,851 | 39.2 | 4,443 | 9.2 | 1,747 | 3.6 | 33 | 0.1 |
| 1950-51†— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,465 | 4.9 | 347 | 0.7 | 17,787 | 35.1 | 20,599 | 40.7 | 3,841 | 7.6 | 1,918 | 3.8 | 42 | 0.1 |
| August .. | 3,739 | 5.8 | 675 | 1.1 | 22,462 | 35.1 | 26,876 | 42.0 | 4,941 | 7.7 | 2,214 | 3.5 | 87 | 0.1 |
| September .. | 2,666 | 4.7 | 655 | 1.2 | 20,171 | 35.4 | 23,492 | 41.3 | 5,254 | 9.2 | 2,496 | 4.4 | 38 | 0.1 |

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.
(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period. | Capital Equipment. | | | | | | Finished Consumers' Goods. | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------|-------|-----|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------|-------------|
| | Transport Equipment. | | | | | | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | | Clothing and Accessories. | | All Other. | | Total. |
| | Producers' Equipment. | Road Vehicles and Complete Parts. | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Class IV. | Class V. B. | Class V. A, C, D. | | | | Class VI. A, B, C. | Class VI. D. | Class VI. E-J. | Class VI. | | | |
| Annual Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 10,603 | 10.3 | 10,469 | 10.2 | 1,751 | 1.7 | 6,187 | 6.0 | 554 | 0.5 | 13,885 | 13.4 | 20,626 19.9 |
| 1937-38 .. | 13,783 | 10.9 | 13,928 | 11.0 | 2,458 | 1.9 | 6,371 | 5.0 | 811 | 0.6 | 15,595 | 12.3 | 22,777 17.9 |
| 1938-39 .. | 13,248 | 11.7 | 10,792 | 9.5 | 1,427 | 1.3 | 6,765 | 6.0 | 1,013 | 0.9 | 14,599 | 12.9 | 22,377 19.8 |
| 1943-44 .. | 18,574 | 7.7 | 35,625 | 14.9 | 2,206 | 0.9 | 5,692 | 2.4 | 958 | 0.4 | 10,513 | 4.4 | 17,163 7.2 |
| 1944-45 .. | 15,161 | 7.2 | 20,009 | 9.4 | 865 | 0.4 | 7,298 | 3.4 | 1,382 | 0.7 | 10,565 | 5.0 | 19,245 9.1 |
| 1945-46 .. | 14,148 | 8.0 | 11,644 | 6.5 | 1,264 | 0.7 | 7,628 | 4.3 | 607 | 0.3 | 11,285 | 6.4 | 19,520 11.0 |
| 1946-47 .. | 17,220 | 8.3 | 18,534 | 8.9 | 2,776 | 1.3 | 10,411 | 5.0 | 1,290 | 0.6 | 21,326 | 10.2 | 33,027 15.8 |
| 1947-48 .. | 28,713 | 8.5 | 29,246 | 8.6 | 2,067 | 0.6 | 19,404 | 5.7 | 3,361 | 1.0 | 39,963 | 11.9 | 62,728 18.6 |
| 1948-49 .. | 40,914 | 9.9 | 50,776 | 12.2 | 4,267 | 1.0 | 19,424 | 4.7 | 7,373 | 1.8 | 44,573 | 10.9 | 71,370 17.4 |
| 1949-50† .. | 63,566 | 11.8 | 103,578 | 19.5 | 5,966 | 1.1 | 25,958 | 4.8 | 6,934 | 1.3 | 50,793 | 9.5 | 83,685 15.6 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 3,082 | 8.3 | 3,303 | 9.0 | 210 | 0.6 | 1,393 | 3.8 | 488 | 1.3 | 4,419 | 11.9 | 6,300 17.0 |
| October .. | 2,758 | 8.0 | 4,344 | 12.4 | 313 | 0.9 | 1,217 | 3.5 | 600 | 1.7 | 3,240 | 9.4 | 5,057 14.6 |
| November .. | 2,938 | 9.8 | 3,060 | 10.2 | 101 | 0.3 | 1,497 | 5.0 | 654 | 2.2 | 3,890 | 12.8 | 6,041 20.0 |
| December .. | 3,023 | 9.5 | 3,312 | 10.6 | 683 | 2.1 | 1,832 | 5.7 | 630 | 2.0 | 3,388 | 10.7 | 5,850 18.4 |
| January .. | 2,960 | 9.5 | 4,179 | 13.3 | 290 | 0.9 | 1,630 | 5.2 | 662 | 2.1 | 3,311 | 10.6 | 5,603 17.9 |
| February .. | 3,861 | 10.2 | 4,834 | 12.8 | 1,353 | 3.6 | 1,422 | 3.7 | 776 | 2.1 | 3,725 | 9.9 | 5,923 15.7 |
| March .. | 3,942 | 10.5 | 4,755 | 12.7 | 270 | 0.7 | 1,515 | 4.0 | 741 | 2.0 | 3,626 | 9.6 | 5,882 15.6 |
| April .. | 3,564 | 10.8 | 4,754 | 14.4 | 214 | 0.6 | 1,301 | 3.9 | 598 | 1.8 | 3,402 | 10.3 | 5,301 16.0 |
| May .. | 4,658 | 12.1 | 5,343 | 13.7 | 208 | 0.5 | 2,015 | 5.2 | 697 | 1.8 | 3,710 | 9.6 | 6,422 16.6 |
| June .. | 4,428 | 12.1 | 5,504 | 15.1 | 345 | 1.0 | 2,009 | 5.5 | 563 | 1.5 | 3,927 | 10.8 | 6,499 17.8 |
| 1949-50†— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 4,525 | 12.9 | 4,804 | 13.7 | 240 | 0.7 | 1,851 | 5.3 | 494 | 1.4 | 3,296 | 9.4 | 5,641 16.1 |
| August .. | 4,072 | 11.0 | 6,126 | 16.6 | 228 | 0.6 | 1,621 | 4.4 | 480 | 1.3 | 3,177 | 8.6 | 5,278 14.3 |
| September .. | 4,995 | 12.2 | 6,779 | 16.6 | 273 | 0.7 | 1,744 | 4.3 | 761 | 1.8 | 4,348 | 10.6 | 6,853 16.7 |
| October .. | 4,661 | 10.9 | 7,350 | 17.2 | 416 | 1.0 | 1,729 | 4.1 | 675 | 1.6 | 4,541 | 10.6 | 6,945 16.3 |
| November .. | 4,684 | 11.7 | 7,782 | 19.4 | 622 | 1.5 | 1,732 | 4.3 | 631 | 1.5 | 4,240 | 10.6 | 6,603 16.4 |
| December .. | 5,116 | 11.5 | 9,436 | 21.2 | 218 | 0.5 | 1,813 | 4.1 | 587 | 1.3 | 4,397 | 9.8 | 6,797 15.2 |
| January .. | 5,565 | 12.5 | 8,920 | 20.0 | 470 | 1.1 | 2,440 | 5.5 | 612 | 1.4 | 4,000 | 9.0 | 7,052 15.9 |
| February .. | 4,777 | 10.9 | 8,661 | 19.7 | 589 | 1.3 | 2,359 | 5.3 | 618 | 1.4 | 3,489 | 8.0 | 6,466 14.7 |
| March .. | 6,871 | 12.8 | 10,971 | 20.5 | 809 | 1.5 | 2,455 | 4.6 | 666 | 1.2 | 5,079 | 9.5 | 8,200 15.3 |
| April .. | 5,334 | 12.2 | 10,434 | 23.8 | 363 | 0.8 | 1,904 | 4.3 | 488 | 1.1 | 3,950 | 9.0 | 6,342 14.4 |
| May .. | 7,694 | 12.5 | 13,637 | 22.1 | 783 | 1.3 | 3,021 | 4.9 | 509 | 0.8 | 5,845 | 9.5 | 9,375 15.2 |
| June .. | 5,272 | 10.9 | 8,678 | 18.0 | 955 | 2.0 | 3,289 | 6.8 | 413 | 0.9 | 4,431 | 9.2 | 8,133 16.9 |
| 1950-51†— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 5,900 | 11.6 | 9,088 | 18.0 | 684 | 1.3 | 3,238 | 6.4 | 499 | 1.0 | 4,799 | 9.5 | 8,536 16.9 |
| August .. | 7,702 | 12.0 | 11,109 | 17.4 | 730 | 1.1 | 2,804 | 4.4 | 690 | 1.1 | 6,852 | 10.7 | 10,346 16.2 |
| September .. | 5,992 | 10.5 | 10,039 | 17.6 | 1,363 | 2.4 | 2,007 | 3.5 | 722 | 1.3 | 5,504 | 9.7 | 8,233 14.5 |

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials. (Class I.) | | | Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.) | | | Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.) | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Total. |
| Annual Totals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 12,287 | 4,471 | 30,337 | 544 | 3,637 | 16,446 | 12,831 | 18,063 | 72,381 | 103,275 |
| 1937-38 .. | 14,890 | 5,384 | 38,661 | 571 | 3,605 | 18,601 | 15,461 | 21,549 | 90,366 | 127,376 |
| 1938-39 .. | 13,202 | 4,210 | 32,443 | 657 | 3,714 | 18,006 | 13,859 | 19,525 | 79,833 | 113,217 |
| 1943-44 .. | 16,245 | 7,806 | 49,984 | 841 | 3,819 | 12,502 | 17,086 | 39,069 | 183,278 | 239,433 |
| 1944-45 .. | 15,838 | 7,582 | 54,872 | 1,271 | 4,560 | 13,414 | 17,109 | 35,165 | 159,817 | 212,091 |
| 1945-46 .. | 21,719 | 7,575 | 43,241 | 905 | 5,812 | 12,803 | 22,624 | 36,568 | 117,904 | 177,096 |
| 1946-47 .. | 29,068 | 9,543 | 61,189 | 1,309 | 7,613 | 24,105 | 30,377 | 39,852 | 138,113 | 208,342 |
| 1947-48 .. | 34,839 | 21,638 | 104,064 | 1,286 | 13,322 | 48,120 | 36,125 | 70,463 | 231,497 | 338,085 |
| 1948-49 .. | 39,273 | 24,710 | 116,705 | 1,595 | 10,789 | 58,986 | 40,868 | 80,851 | 292,337 | 414,056 |
| 1949-50† .. | 46,998 | 21,325 | 134,479 | 2,155 | 15,330 | 66,200 | 49,153 | 94,213 | 392,671 | 536,037 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 4,347 | 2,956 | 11,796 | 87 | 598 | 5,615 | 4,434 | 6,989 | 25,455 | 36,878 |
| October .. | 3,862 | 2,343 | 9,364 | 129 | 528 | 4,400 | 3,991 | 7,043 | 23,697 | 34,731 |
| November .. | 2,995 | 1,825 | 8,727 | 114 | 820 | 5,107 | 3,109 | 5,691 | 21,301 | 30,101 |
| December .. | 3,020 | 1,458 | 8,372 | 145 | 1,171 | 4,534 | 3,165 | 6,567 | 22,069 | 31,801 |
| January .. | 2,394 | 2,223 | 8,891 | 68 | 1,167 | 4,368 | 2,462 | 6,747 | 22,120 | 31,329 |
| February .. | 3,018 | 1,901 | 9,805 | 106 | 844 | 4,973 | 3,124 | 6,947 | 27,714 | 37,785 |
| March .. | 3,314 | 2,440 | 10,935 | 116 | 856 | 4,910 | 3,430 | 7,238 | 26,874 | 37,542 |
| April .. | 3,041 | 1,779 | 9,366 | 174 | 542 | 4,585 | 3,215 | 6,230 | 23,652 | 33,097 |
| May .. | 4,029 | 1,718 | 10,928 | 167 | 1,237 | 5,018 | 4,196 | 7,037 | 27,404 | 38,637 |
| June .. | 2,586 | 1,731 | 10,503 | 150 | 1,268 | 5,081 | 2,736 | 6,481 | 27,280 | 36,497 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,924 | 2,796 | 9,325 | 126 | 1,120 | 4,395 | 3,050 | 7,313 | 24,724 | 35,087 |
| August .. | 3,251 | 1,837 | 9,701 | 74 | 1,144 | 4,060 | 3,325 | 7,747 | 25,916 | 36,988 |
| September .. | 2,369 | 1,869 | 12,632 | 137 | 929 | 5,787 | 2,506 | 6,442 | 31,982 | 40,930 |
| October .. | 3,484 | 1,278 | 11,762 | 165 | 1,003 | 5,777 | 3,649 | 6,462 | 32,497 | 42,608 |
| November .. | 3,396 | 1,435 | 9,409 | 186 | 1,010 | 5,407 | 3,582 | 7,223 | 29,314 | 40,119 |
| December .. | 3,206 | 1,458 | 11,841 | 167 | 1,035 | 5,595 | 3,373 | 7,176 | 34,021 | 44,570 |
| January .. | 3,716 | 1,540 | 10,405 | 120 | 1,563 | 5,369 | 3,836 | 8,536 | 32,099 | 44,471 |
| February .. | 3,773 | 1,579 | 10,356 | 194 | 1,373 | 4,899 | 3,967 | 8,538 | 31,463 | 43,968 |
| March .. | 4,853 | 2,053 | 13,483 | 215 | 1,157 | 6,828 | 5,068 | 8,059 | 40,501 | 53,628 |
| April .. | 4,724 | 1,307 | 9,686 | 227 | 988 | 5,127 | 4,951 | 6,962 | 31,949 | 43,862 |
| May .. | 5,686 | 2,342 | 14,475 | 234 | 1,812 | 7,329 | 5,920 | 10,395 | 45,379 | 61,694 |
| June .. | 5,616 | 1,831 | 11,404 | 310 | 2,196 | 5,627 | 5,926 | 9,360 | 32,826 | 48,112 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 4,064 | 2,939 | 13,596 | 237 | 2,299 | 6,000 | 4,301 | 10,119 | 36,188 | 50,608 |
| August .. | 6,067 | 2,811 | 17,998 | 218 | 1,587 | 8,541 | 6,285 | 10,666 | 47,054 | 64,005 |
| September .. | 6,250 | 2,506 | 14,736 | 175 | 1,173 | 6,885 | 6,425 | 10,108 | 40,374 | 56,907 |

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol †, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period. | Wool. | Wheat and Flour. | Butter. | Sugar. | Meats. | Hides and Skins. | Lead. | Dried Fruits. | Fresh Fruits. | Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold). |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Annual Totals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 62,505 | 24,352 | 8,802 | 3,707 | 10,332 | 7,302 | 4,818 | 2,060 | 1,980 | 148,490 |
| 1937-38 | 46,984 | 26,939 | 10,781 | 4,027 | 12,254 | 6,197 | 4,913 | 2,684 | 2,055 | 141,668 |
| 1938-39 | 42,737 | 13,275 | 12,892 | 4,178 | 11,780 | 4,104 | 4,276 | 2,865 | 2,023 | 122,543 |
| 1943-44 | 45,767 | 14,964 | 6,871 | 1,524 | 13,063 | 6,752 | 3,158 | 3,295 | 318 | 146,583 |
| 1944-45 | 49,387 | 16,484 | 8,250 | 1,854 | 14,108 | 6,602 | 5,558 | 3,571 | 318 | 155,123 |
| 1945-46 | 69,260 | 17,560 | 12,272 | 3,212 | 14,011 | 11,836 | 4,222 | 2,149 | 1,265 | 196,849 |
| 1946-47 | 126,800 | 29,013 | 12,570 | 2,819 | 21,136 | 15,473 | 10,904 | 2,462 | 1,553 | 308,932 |
| 1947-48 | 148,747 | 84,636 | 20,629 | 3,162 | 22,586 | 12,361 | 13,772 | 2,559 | 3,887 | 405,982 |
| 1948-49 | 231,396 | 98,426 | 23,807 | 13,290 | a 28,659 | 12,207 | 22,272 | 3,453 | 3,116 | 542,609 |
| 1949-50† | 313,136 | 88,501 | 24,741 | 14,221 | 34,263 | 15,156 | 16,992 | 2,888 | 3,997 | 613,532 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 6,504 | 10,467 | 641 | 1,407 | 2,338 | 1,191 | 1,547 | 592 | 84 | 34,635 |
| October .. | 18,735 | 5,571 | 1,297 | 1,596 | 1,939 | 1,102 | 1,683 | 281 | 154 | 41,947 |
| November .. | 20,288 | 7,972 | 3,994 | 1,264 | 1,505 | 1,110 | 2,936 | 129 | 128 | 50,010 |
| December .. | 27,101 | 5,185 | 2,370 | 2,260 | 1,901 | 838 | 2,202 | 118 | 62 | 51,971 |
| January .. | 19,620 | 4,820 | 1,730 | 878 | 2,074 | .914 | 1,873 | 75 | 46 | 39,593 |
| February .. | 23,008 | 9,700 | 3,529 | 1,577 | 2,480 | 819 | 2,421 | 99 | 58 | 51,782 |
| March .. | 22,245 | 7,318 | 3,075 | 1,053 | 2,647 | 935 | 2,669 | 53 | 95 | 47,842 |
| April .. | 16,576 | 6,588 | 2,311 | 828 | 1,967 | 757 | 1,312 | 101 | 537 | 37,651 |
| May .. | 28,518 | 9,584 | 1,513 | 502 | 2,828 | 1,048 | 1,268 | 545 | 768 | 55,951 |
| June .. | 18,518 | 8,183 | 1,371 | 322 | 2,898 | 872 | 1,542 | 287 | 569 | 43,736 |
| 1949-50†— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 17,603 | 6,202 | 536 | 403 | 2,564 | 896 | 1,666 | 268 | 297 | 36,999 |
| August .. | 12,096 | 7,990 | 633 | 1,709 | 3,101 | 1,279 | 838 | 616 | 236 | 35,646 |
| September .. | *9,494 | 8,267 | 1,215 | 2,751 | 4,216 | *1,206 | *694 | 315 | 104 | 36,122 |
| October .. | 22,301 | 7,478 | 938 | 1,404 | 2,923 | 1,109 | 800 | 103 | 85 | 45,060 |
| November .. | 28,774 | 5,450 | 1,783 | 1,854 | 3,325 | 1,306 | 1,759 | 104 | 96 | 52,251 |
| December .. | 29,091 | 4,965 | 1,574 | 1,892 | 2,714 | 1,234 | 1,773 | 98 | 86 | 51,668 |
| January .. | 33,675 | 3,588 | 3,010 | 588 | 2,141 | 1,134 | 697 | 49 | 25 | 52,338 |
| February .. | 28,588 | 8,632 | 7,988 | 923 | 3,546 | 1,294 | 1,219 | 63 | 85 | 61,170 |
| March .. | 38,895 | 8,727 | 1,826 | 700 | 2,175 | 1,619 | 2,488 | 48 | 160 | 66,775 |
| April .. | 27,804 | 7,314 | 1,705 | 702 | 2,009 | 1,117 | 1,385 | 241 | 793 | 50,114 |
| May .. | 42,448 | 13,417 | 2,143 | 911 | 2,576 | 1,661 | 2,287 | 548 | 1,189 | 77,782 |
| June .. | * 22,367 | 6,471 | 1,390 | 384 | 2,973 | *1,301 | *1,386 | 435 | 841 | 47,607 |
| 1950-51†— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 27,314 | 6,098 | 348 | 406 | 2,720 | *1,259 | 1,145 | 931 | 239 | 49,161 |
| August .. | 13,042 | 7,732 | 508 | 2,120 | 1,791 | *2,166 | 1,022 | 342 | *305 | 38,489 |
| September .. | 16,637 | 10,796 | 688 | 2,100 | 2,860 | 2,035 | 2,137 | 399 | 114 | 46,755 |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 exports £1,103,000).

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter. | Metals. (a) | Meats. (b) | Sugar. | Dried Fruits. (c) | Tallow. | Hides. (d) | Gold. | All Groups. | |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Ex- clud- ing Gold. | In- clud- ing Gold. |
| (e) | 45.63 | 17.06 | 11.36 | 6.83 | 6.63 | 2.40 | 1.81 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 6.98 | .. | 100.00 |
| (f) | 49.05 | 18.34 | 12.21 | 7.34 | 7.13 | 2.58 | 1.94 | 0.69 | 0.72 | .. | 100.00 | .. |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,218 | 1,234 | 915 | 1,196 | 978 | 1,035 | 1,026 | 1,217 | 1,129 | 988 | 1,156 | 1,144 |
| 1937-38 .. | 989 | 1,110 | 1,074 | 962 | 1,066 | 925 | 1,034 | 1,002 | 999 | 982 | 1,025 | 1,022 |
| 1938-39 .. | 793 | 656 | 1,011 | 842 | 956 | 1,040 | 940 | 781 | 872 | 1,030 | 819 | 834 |
| 1943-44 .. | 1,165 | 1,155 | 1,140 | 1,127 | 1,132 | 1,585 | 1,207 | 1,231 | 1,514 | 1,188 | 1,170 | 1,171 |
| 1944-45 .. | 1,165 | 1,536 | 1,474 | 1,286 | 1,218 | 1,715 | 1,282 | 1,447 | 1,474 | 1,204 | 1,304 | 1,297 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,165 | 2,130 | 1,474 | 1,956 | 1,234 | 2,130 | 1,375 | 1,519 | 1,518 | 1,223 | 1,477 | 1,459 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,734 | 3,046 | 1,734 | 3,076 | 1,393 | 2,644 | 1,523 | 3,038 | 3,344 | 1,223 | 2,087 | 2,027 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,872 | 4,195 | 1,935 | 3,723 | 1,464 | 3,203 | 1,566 | 3,607 | 3,643 | 1,223 | 2,955 | 2,834 |
| 1948-49 .. | 3,649 | 4,134 | 2,330 | 4,781 | 1,706 | 3,426 | 1,619 | 4,078 | 4,206 | 1,223 | 3,481 | 3,324 |
| 1949-50 .. | 4,727 | 4,002 | 2,504 | 4,212 | 1,969 | 3,694 | 1,762 | 3,330 | 4,792 | 1,644 | 3,994 | 3,830 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 3,545 | 4,493 | 2,330 | 4,380 | 1,554 | 3,402 | 1,572 | 3,797 | 3,417 | 1,223 | 3,448 | 3,293 |
| October .. | 3,281 | 4,429 | 2,330 | 4,728 | 1,757 | 3,402 | 1,572 | 4,172 | 3,847 | 1,223 | 3,352 | 3,204 |
| November .. | 3,658 | 4,382 | 2,330 | 4,687 | 1,757 | 3,402 | 1,572 | 4,172 | 4,186 | 1,223 | 3,529 | 3,368 |
| December .. | 3,997 | 4,184 | 2,330 | 4,805 | 1,757 | 3,402 | 1,572 | 4,172 | 4,199 | 1,223 | 3,667 | 3,497 |
| January .. | 3,997 | 3,967 | 2,330 | 5,508 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,572 | 4,172 | 4,421 | 1,223 | 3,682 | 3,511 |
| February .. | 4,111 | 3,827 | 2,330 | 5,513 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,572 | 4,172 | 4,711 | 1,223 | 3,705 | 3,532 |
| March .. | g4,111 | 3,794 | 2,330 | 5,347 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,707 | 4,172 | 4,682 | 1,223 | 3,699 | 3,525 |
| April .. | 3,319 | 3,802 | 2,330 | 4,580 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,707 | 4,172 | 4,822 | 1,223 | 3,253 | 3,111 |
| May .. | 3,356 | 3,711 | 2,330 | 4,524 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 4,172 | 4,812 | 1,223 | 3,254 | 3,112 |
| June .. | 3,394 | 3,650 | 2,330 | 4,486 | 1,757 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 4,172 | 4,617 | 1,223 | 3,257 | 3,115 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | g3,394 | 3,619 | 2,504 | 3,298 | 1,862 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 4,172 | 4,428 | 1,223 | 3,191 | 3,055 |
| August .. | g3,470 | 3,674 | 2,504 | 3,696 | 1,862 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 4,172 | 4,460 | 1,223 | 3,268 | 3,126 |
| September .. | 3,394 | 3,767 | 2,504 | 3,883 | 1,862 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 4,172 | 4,512 | 1,438 | 3,262 | 3,135 |
| October .. | 3,922 | 3,779 | 2,504 | 4,538 | 2,004 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 3,049 | 4,656 | 1,761 | 3,574 | 3,449 |
| November .. | 4,186 | 3,819 | 2,504 | 4,406 | 2,004 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 3,049 | 4,819 | 1,761 | 3,703 | 3,568 |
| December .. | 4,563 | 3,943 | 2,504 | 4,265 | 2,004 | 3,450 | 1,716 | 3,049 | 4,985 | 1,761 | 3,901 | 3,753 |
| January .. | 5,619 | 3,948 | 2,504 | 4,321 | 2,004 | 3,938 | 1,716 | 3,049 | 5,001 | 1,761 | 4,437 | 4,251 |
| February .. | 5,355 | 4,093 | 2,504 | 4,346 | 2,005 | 3,938 | 1,716 | 3,049 | 4,995 | 1,761 | 4,337 | 4,157 |
| March .. | 5,242 | 4,198 | 2,504 | 4,114 | 2,005 | 3,938 | 1,854 | 3,049 | 4,975 | 1,761 | 4,286 | 4,110 |
| April .. | g5,544 | 4,426 | 2,504 | 4,167 | 2,005 | 3,938 | 1,854 | 3,049 | 4,900 | 1,761 | 4,479 | 4,289 |
| May .. | 6,109 | 4,413 | 2,504 | 4,561 | 2,005 | 3,938 | 1,854 | 3,049 | 4,904 | 1,761 | 4,782 | 4,572 |
| June .. | 5,921 | 4,345 | 2,504 | 4,944 | 2,005 | 3,938 | 1,854 | 3,049 | 4,865 | 1,761 | 4,705 | 4,500 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | g5,921 | 4,236 | h2,504 | 4,963 | h2,005 | 3,938 | 1,871 | 3,049 | 4,904 | 1,761 | 4,687 | 4,483 |
| August .. | 8,636* | 4,227 | h2,504 | 5,471 | h2,005 | 3,938 | 1,871 | 3,049 | 5,816 | 1,761 | *6,061 | *5,762 |
| September .. | +8,900 | +4,211 | h2,504 | 6,747 | h2,005 | 3,938 | 1,871 | 3,049 | 6,364 | 1,761 | +6,285 | +5,970 |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37 (f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) Nominal, pending new agreement.

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the preceding table, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 1,000.)

| Month. | | <i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i> | <i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i> |
|-----------------|----|---|---|
| 1947-48— | | | |
| September .. | .. | 1,435 | 1,444 |
| October .. | .. | 1,427 | 1,439 |
| November .. | .. | 1,404 | 1,431 |
| December .. | .. | 1,425 | 1,430 |
| January .. | .. | 1,497 | 1,442 |
| February .. | .. | 1,501 | 1,451 |
| March .. | .. | 1,419 | 1,447 |
| April .. | .. | 1,392 | 1,441 |
| May .. | .. | 1,452 | 1,442 |
| June .. | .. | 1,527 | 1,450 |
| 1948-49— | | | |
| July .. | .. | 1,509 | 1,509 |
| August .. | .. | 1,301 | 1,421 |
| September .. | .. | 1,258 | 1,372 |
| October .. | .. | 1,234 | 1,331 |
| November .. | .. | 1,262 | 1,313 |
| December .. | .. | 1,327 | 1,316 |
| January .. | .. | 1,191 | 1,293 |
| February .. | .. | 1,133 | 1,264 |
| March .. | .. | 1,172 | 1,252 |
| April .. | .. | 982 | 1,223 |
| May .. | .. | 956 | 1,189 |
| June .. | .. | 907 | 1,158 |
| 1949-50— | | | |
| July .. | .. | 914 | 914 |
| August .. | .. | 923 | 919 |
| September .. | .. | 935 | 924 |
| October .. | .. | 1,103 | 970 |
| November .. | .. | 1,080 | 998 |
| December .. | .. | 1,099 | 1,019 |
| January .. | .. | 1,295 | 1,060 |
| February .. | .. | 1,192 | 1,081 |
| March .. | .. | 1,191 | 1,095 |
| April .. | .. | 1,450 | 1,123 |
| May .. | .. | 1,586 | 1,175 |
| June .. | .. | 1,494 | 1,197 |
| 1950-51— | | | |
| July .. | .. | 1,553 | 1,553 |
| August .. | .. | *1,820 | 1,680 |
| September .. | .. | †1,737 | †1,699 |

For meaning of symbols *, †, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The construction of this new index has been made possible by the collection of new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and methods of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of General Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Basic Materials. | | | | | | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | | |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | Metals and Coal. | Oils Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | | Goods principally Imported. (a) | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. | |
| 1936-37 .. | 962 | 984 | 1,185 | 988 | 1,106 | 989 | 994 | 974 | 991 | 980 | 984 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,013 | 1,012 | 1,000 | 1,001 | 969 | 1,041 | 1,014 | 997 | 1,018 | 1,000 | 1,005 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,025 | 1,004 | 815 | 1,011 | 925 | 970 | 992 | 1,029 | 991 | 1,020 | 1,011 |
| 1943-44 .. | 1,310 | 1,695 | 1,501 | 1,432 | 1,398 | 1,743 | 1,527 | 1,287 | 1,823 | 1,217 | 1,396 |
| 1944-45 .. | 1,307 | 1,675 | 1,518 | 1,428 | 1,398 | 1,747 | 1,522 | 1,308 | 1,819 | 1,232 | 1,405 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,302 | 1,561 | 1,518 | 1,416 | 1,398 | 1,766 | 1,490 | 1,348 | 1,782 | 1,257 | 1,412 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,318 | 1,453 | 1,913 | 1,401 | 1,313 | 1,802 | 1,488 | 1,380 | 1,768 | 1,288 | 1,429 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,460 | 1,607 | 2,833 | 1,478 | 1,261 | 1,898 | 1,655 | 1,532 | 1,924 | 1,448 | 1,588 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,849 | 1,737 | 3,419 | 1,594 | 1,301 | 1,983 | 1,884 | 1,747 | 2,008 | 1,727 | 1,809 |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,144 | 1,842 | 4,335 | 1,867 | 1,426 | 2,247 | 2,145 | *1,979 | 2,231 | *1,982 | *2,054 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 1,936 | 1,741 | 3,639 | 1,623 | 1,275 | 1,986 | 1,929 | 1,765 | 2,011 | 1,769 | 1,840 |
| February .. | 1,936 | 1,741 | 3,721 | 1,623 | 1,268 | 1,986 | 1,934 | 1,801 | 2,016 | 1,797 | 1,861 |
| March .. | 1,965 | 1,741 | 3,721 | 1,623 | 1,250 | 2,002 | 1,945 | 1,798 | 2,000 | 1,809 | 1,865 |
| April .. | 1,966 | 1,744 | 3,197 | 1,623 | 1,265 | 2,002 | 1,917 | 1,805 | 2,005 | 1,795 | 1,856 |
| May .. | 1,966 | 1,746 | 3,196 | 1,623 | 1,250 | 2,017 | 1,920 | 1,809 | 2,002 | 1,801 | 1,859 |
| June .. | 1,966 | 1,746 | 3,200 | 1,623 | 1,247 | 2,021 | 1,922 | 1,805 | 1,991 | 1,803 | 1,858 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,090 | 1,745 | 3,313 | 1,624 | 1,185 | 2,021 | 1,966 | 1,865 | 2,057 | 1,850 | 1,911 |
| August .. | 2,090 | 1,745 | 3,385 | 1,632 | 1,210 | 2,053 | 1,978 | 1,859 | 2,066 | 1,850 | 1,913 |
| September .. | 2,091 | 1,726 | 3,327 | 1,624 | 1,231 | 2,079 | 1,975 | 1,855 | 2,040 | 1,855 | 1,909 |
| October .. | 2,093 | 1,726 | 3,665 | 1,798 | 1,249 | 2,080 | 2,011 | 1,878 | 2,086 | 1,877 | 1,938 |
| November .. | 2,093 | 1,888 | 3,864 | 1,798 | 1,343 | 2,081 | 2,073 | 1,917 | 2,171 | 1,913 | 1,988 |
| December .. | 2,144 | 1,888 | 4,239 | 1,936 | 1,417 | 2,081 | 2,128 | 1,973 | 2,208 | 1,975 | 2,043 |
| January .. | 2,185 | 1,888 | 4,935 | 1,987 | 1,454 | 2,409 | 2,249 | 1,929 | 2,322 | 1,972 | 2,074 |
| February .. | 2,185 | 1,897 | 4,900 | 1,994 | 1,459 | 2,409 | 2,250 | 1,991 | 2,369 | 2,001 | 2,109 |
| March .. | 2,185 | 1,901 | 4,804 | 2,001 | 1,511 | 2,427 | 2,252 | 1,989 | 2,355 | 2,006 | 2,109 |
| April .. | 2,189 | 1,901 | 4,984 | 2,001 | 1,544 | 2,440 | 2,267 | *2,185 | 2,364 | *2,164 | *2,222 |
| May .. | 2,189 | 1,901 | 5,353 | 2,001 | 1,686 | 2,440 | 2,295 | *2,136 | 2,354 | *2,149 | *2,208 |
| June .. | 2,193 | 1,904 | 5,254 | 2,006 | 1,825 | 2,446 | 2,299 | *2,172 | 2,377 | *2,169 | *2,229 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,220 | 1,904 | 5,304 | 2,302 | 1,771 | 2,446 | 2,335 | *2,144 | 2,359 | *2,178 | *2,231 |
| August .. | 2,240 | 1,904 | 7,371 | 2,318 | 1,914 | 2,449 | 2,468 | 2,195 | 2,403 | 2,285 | 2,319 |
| September .. | 2,274 | 1,904 | 7,524 | 2,355 | 2,205 | 2,452 | 2,505 | 2,195 | 2,422 | 2,301 | 2,336 |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbol *, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

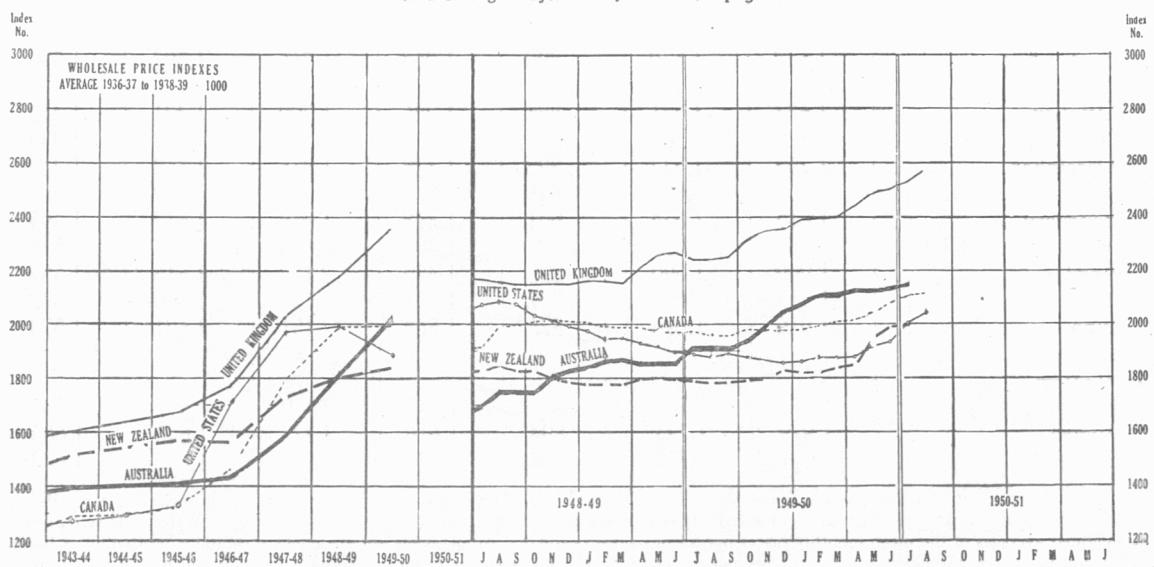
(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Australia. | Canada. | France. | India. | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Sweden. | United Kingdom. | | U.S.A. |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| | Commonwealth Statistician. | Dominion Statistician. | Inst. Nat. de la Stat. | Economic Adviser to the Government of India. | Govern-ment Statistician. | Census and Statistics Office. | (a) | Board of Trade. | Econo-mist. | Bureau of Labour Statistics. |
| 1936-37 | .. | 984 | 1,014 | 830 | 1,045 | 960 | 971 | (b) 1,007 | 998 | 1,051 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 1,005 | 1,051 | 1,053 | 997 | 1,019 | 1,025 | (b) 976 | 1,044 | 1,024 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 1,011 | 935 | 1,117 | 958 | 1,021 | 1,004 | (b) 1,017 | 958 | 925 |
| 1943-44 | .. | 1,396 | 1,286 | 2,715 | 2,320 | 1,517 | 1,534 | (b) 1,732 | 1,603 | 1,523 |
| 1944-45 | .. | 1,405 | 1,294 | 3,218 | 2,404 | 1,540 | 1,554 | (b) 1,711 | 1,638 | 1,566 |
| 1945-46 | .. | 1,412 | 1,321 | 5,340 | 2,441 | 1,567 | 1,585 | 1,666 | 1,673 | 1,610 |
| 1946-47 | .. | 1,429 | 1,462 | 8,894 | 2,782 | 1,561 | 1,640 | 1,694 | 1,776 | 1,814 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 1,588 | 1,797 | 14,514 | (c) 3,275 | 1,730 | 1,741 | 1,825 | 2,032 | 2,055 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 1,809 | 1,987 | 20,319 | 3,793 | 1,802 | 1,859 | 1,909 | 2,179 | 2,184 |
| 1949-50 | .. | *2,054 | 1,994 | 21,957 | 3,895 | 1,835 | 1,954 | 1,931 | 2,364 | 2,348 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | | 1,909 | 1,958 | 21,341 | 3,898 | 1,784 | 1,930 | 1,903 | 2,254 | 2,291 |
| October | .. | 1,938 | 1,980 | 21,820 | 3,933 | 1,792 | 1,928 | 1,923 | 2,318 | 2,324 |
| November | | 1,988 | 1,979 | 21,853 | 3,902 | 1,799 | 1,933 | 1,923 | 2,347 | 2,333 |
| December | | 2,043 | 1,976 | 21,820 | 3,813 | 1,823 | 1,936 | 1,933 | 2,355 | 2,344 |
| January | .. | 2,074 | 1,979 | 22,485 | 3,847 | 1,820 | 1,943 | 1,933 | 2,389 | 2,361 |
| February | .. | 2,109 | 1,990 | 22,420 | 3,923 | 1,821 | 1,956 | 1,943 | 2,395 | 2,387 |
| March | .. | 2,109 | 2,007 | 22,910 | 3,924 | 1,839 | 1,957 | 1,943 | 2,398 | 2,346 |
| April | .. | *2,222 | 2,017 | 22,856 | 3,913 | 1,847 | 1,966 | 1,953 | 2,440 | 2,417 |
| May | .. | *2,208 | 2,038 | 22,692 | 3,933 | 1,946 | 2,008 | 1,953 | 2,487 | 2,497 |
| June | .. | *2,229 | 2,079 | 22,180 | 3,956 | 1,987 | 2,048 | 1,973 | 2,500 | 2,507 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | *2,231 | 2,102 | 23,139 | 4,052 | 1,997 | 2,056 | 1,973 | 2,529 | 2,545 |
| August | .. | 2,319 | 2,123 | *24,054 | *4,092 | | 2,063 | 1,983 | 2,576 | 2,579 |
| September | | 2,336 | | 24,371 | 4,125 | | 2,081 | | 2,654 | 2,083 |

(a) Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations. Base : Average three years ended December, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Year ended December following.

(c) "Sensitive Series" prior to July, 1947; thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base year ended August, 1939 = 1,000.

For meaning of symbols *, — see page 1.



NOTE.—Revised index-numbers for Australia from April to July, 1950, are shown in the table above.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers on this and the following page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares. (a) | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | 75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous). | 34 Active shares included in foregoing. (b) |
| 1936-37 | 989 | 1,059 | 1,010 | 1,106 | 1,052 | 1,022 | 1,026 |
| 1937-38 | 1,012 | 1,008 | 1,026 | 1,053 | 983 | 1,009 | 1,011 |
| 1938-39 | 999 | 933 | 964 | 841 | 965 | 969 | 963 |
| 1943-44 | 1,136 | 1,023 | 834 | 931 | 948 | 1,020 | 1,059 |
| 1944-45 | 1,154 | 1,078 | 917 | 999 | 976 | 1,061 | 1,095 |
| 1945-46 | 1,262 | 1,190 | 1,022 | 1,062 | 1,071 | 1,161 | 1,199 |
| 1946-47 | 1,463 | 1,479 | 1,104 | 1,131 | 1,296 | 1,325 | 1,355 |
| 1947-48 | 1,666 | 1,663 | 1,044 | 1,229 | 1,505 | 1,450 | 1,450 |
| 1948-49 | 1,682 | 1,601 | 948 | 1,240 | 1,635 | 1,426 | 1,413 |
| 1949-50 | 1,763 | 1,603 | 887 | 1,357 | 1,920 | 1,491 | 1,458 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| September | 1,726 | 1,682 | 976 | 1,269 | 1,547 | 1,459 | 1,461 |
| October | 1,703 | 1,677 | 979 | 1,240 | 1,563 | 1,449 | 1,445 |
| November | 1,704 | 1,660 | 973 | 1,259 | 1,582 | 1,449 | 1,444 |
| December | 1,688 | 1,602 | 974 | 1,242 | 1,607 | 1,433 | 1,419 |
| January | 1,703 | 1,574 | 973 | 1,253 | 1,635 | 1,433 | 1,427 |
| February | 1,690 | 1,569 | 945 | 1,267 | 1,673 | 1,426 | 1,412 |
| March | 1,656 | 1,534 | 932 | 1,242 | 1,731 | 1,406 | 1,387 |
| April | 1,626 | 1,527 | 907 | 1,176 | 1,740 | 1,384 | 1,354 |
| May | 1,636 | 1,507 | 896 | 1,218 | 1,751 | 1,388 | 1,357 |
| June | 1,569 | 1,460 | 864 | 1,181 | 1,724 | 1,339 | 1,304 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,553 | 1,444 | 866 | 1,194 | 1,701 | 1,324 | 1,292 |
| August | 1,594 | 1,524 | 879 | 1,266 | 1,734 | 1,368 | 1,349 |
| September | 1,632 | 1,539 | 890 | 1,264 | 1,766 | 1,392 | 1,370 |
| October | 1,683 | 1,541 | 885 | 1,286 | 1,799 | 1,421 | 1,410 |
| November | 1,720 | 1,567 | 894 | 1,312 | 1,839 | 1,449 | 1,430 |
| December | 1,755 | 1,572 | 892 | 1,328 | 1,855 | 1,468 | 1,448 |
| January | 1,791 | 1,632 | 896 | 1,346 | 1,909 | 1,502 | 1,486 |
| February | 1,815 | 1,654 | 901 | 1,378 | 1,988 | 1,532 | 1,495 |
| March | 1,869 | 1,677 | 897 | 1,394 | 2,034 | 1,576 | 1,511 |
| April | 1,909 | 1,690 | 890 | 1,450 | 2,122 | 1,616 | 1,557 |
| May | 1,915 | 1,698 | 877 | 1,507 | 2,143 | 1,620 | 1,572 |
| June | 1,916 | 1,696 | 876 | 1,564 | 2,151 | 1,621 | 1,574 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,872 | 1,708 | 868 | 1,513 | 2,159 | 1,597 | 1,545 |
| August | 1,929 | 1,723 | 894 | 1,616 | 2,222 | 1,640 | 1,605 |
| September | 2,011 | 1,758 | 887 | 1,749 | 2,244 | 1,692 | 1,642 |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES—continued.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Melbourne Stock Exchange.(a) | | | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 15 Preference Shares. | 9 Bank Shares. | 3 Silver-lead Shares. | 12 Industrials. | 12 Financial and Trading. | 24 Total of foregoing. |
| 1936-37 | | 997 | 1,091 | 1,171 | 1,006 | 1,000 |
| 1937-38 | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,019 | 1,014 | 1,011 |
| 1938-39 | | 1,003 | 909 | 810 | 980 | 989 |
| 1943-44 | | 1,072 | 828 | 766 | 1,173 | 933 |
| 1944-45 | | 1,114 | 867 | 817 | 1,198 | 987 |
| 1945-46 | | 1,127 | 933 | 897 | 1,317 | 1,075 |
| 1946-47 | | 1,159 | 1,142 | 1,077 | 1,472 | 1,249 |
| 1947-48 | | 1,197 | 1,154 | 1,381 | 1,625 | 1,386 |
| 1948-49 | | 1,170 | 1,170 | 1,417 | 1,681 | 1,364 |
| 1949-50 | | 1,132 | 1,259 | 1,374 | 1,746 | 1,370 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | |
| September | | 189 | 1,160 | 1,534 | 1,695 | 1,387 |
| October | | 1,184 | 1,178 | 1,529 | 1,713 | 1,383 |
| November | | 1,175 | 1,192 | 1,568 | 1,723 | 1,392 |
| December | | 1,170 | 1,179 | 1,508 | 1,704 | 1,389 |
| January | | 1,207 | 1,146 | 1,558 | 1,687 | 1,385 |
| February | | 1,166 | 1,185 | 1,478 | 1,686 | 1,380 |
| March | | 1,161 | 1,175 | 1,297 | 1,683 | 1,362 |
| April | | 1,159 | 1,170 | 1,236 | 1,660 | 1,315 |
| May.. | | 1,151 | 1,173 | 1,154 | 1,651 | 1,309 |
| June.. | | 1,104 | 1,163 | 1,032 | 1,602 | 1,283 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | |
| July | | 1,081 | 1,173 | 1,151 | 1,593 | 1,277 |
| August | | 1,124 | 1,170 | 1,235 | 1,629 | 1,301 |
| September | | 1,129 | 1,175 | 1,408 | 1,665 | 1,305 |
| October | | 1,125 | 1,193 | 1,486 | 1,691 | 1,321 |
| November | | 1,170 | 1,178 | 1,432 | 1,709 | 1,347 |
| December | | 1,139 | 1,233 | 1,411 | 1,705 | 1,357 |
| January | | 1,139 | 1,301 | 1,489 | 1,755 | 1,394 |
| February | | 1,136 | 1,337 | 1,455 | 1,793 | 1,415 |
| March | | 1,140 | 1,356 | 1,361 | 1,803 | 1,410 |
| April | | 1,137 | 1,337 | 1,358 | 1,835 | 1,431 |
| May | | 1,136 | 1,322 | 1,365 | 1,879 | 1,441 |
| June.. | | 1,129 | 1,333 | 1,340 | 1,892 | 1,439 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| July | | 1,122 | 1,319 | 1,359 | 1,887 | 1,457 |
| August | | 1,127 | 1,309 | 1,468 | 1,909 | 1,500 |
| September | | 1,126 | 1,358 | 1,516 | | 1,721 |

(a) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of bank shares and silver-lead shares represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustment in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomputed from original base, May, 1926.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities. | | | | | | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. | |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Food and Groceries. | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series). | Clothing. | Mis-cellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 963 | 968 | 965 | 976 | 996 | 973 | 949 | 976 |
| 1937-38 .. | 989 | 1,001 | 993 | 1,006 | 1,003 | 998 | 1,007 | 1,009 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,048 | 1,031 | 1,042 | 1,018 | 1,001 | 1,029 | 1,044 | 1,015 |
| 1943-44 .. | 1,172 | 1,054 | 1,124 | 1,757 | 1,215 | 1,270 | 1,329 | 1,046 |
| 1944-45 .. | 1,179 | 1,053 | 1,129 | 1,746 | 1,211 | 1,270 | 1,333 | 1,050 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,187 | 1,054 | 1,134 | 1,777 | 1,212 | 1,278 | 1,343 | 1,051 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,208 | 1,054 | 1,147 | 1,873 | 1,225 | 1,309 | 1,423 | 1,087 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,333 | 1,056 | 1,222 | 2,013 | 1,279 | 1,393 | 1,565 | 1,123 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,531 | 1,058 | 1,340 | 2,264 | 1,349 | 1,528 | 1,757 | 1,150 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,664 | 1,063 | 1,421 | 2,626 | 1,443 | 1,669 | 1,913 | 1,147 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,451 | | | | | | | |
| August .. | 1,455 | } 1,057 | 1,296 | 2,174 | 1,325 | 1,479 | 1,697 | 1,147 |
| September .. | 1,467 | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 1,501 | | | | | | | |
| November .. | 1,521 | } 1,058 | 1,334 | 2,222 | 1,331 | 1,512 | 1,743 | 1,153 |
| December .. | 1,545 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 1,548 | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 1,559 | } 1,059 | 1,355 | 2,260 | 1,359 | 1,538 | 1,771 | 1,151 |
| March .. | 1,564 | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 1,582 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 1,589 | } 1,059 | 1,374 | 2,400 | 1,381 | 1,582 | 1,818 | 1,149 |
| June .. | 1,594 | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,589 | } 1,060 | | | | | | |
| August .. | 1,597 | | 1,381 | 2,498 | 1,402 | 1,610 | 1,857 | 1,153 |
| September .. | 1,605 | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 1,604 | | | | | | | |
| November .. | 1,632 | } 1,062 | 1,404 | 2,606 | 1,436 | 1,653 | 1,891 | 1,144 |
| December .. | 1,670 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 1,669 | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 1,684 | } 1,063 | 1,434 | 2,636 | 1,461 | 1,682 | 1,927 | 1,146 |
| March .. | 1,703 | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 1,735 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 1,741 | } 1,065 | 1,466 | 2,764 | 1,473 | 1,730 | 1,976 | 1,142 |
| June .. | 1,743 | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | | } 1,809 | | | | | | |
| August .. | | | 1,066 | 1,509 | 2,831 | 1,492 | 1,773 | 2,025 |
| September .. | | | | | | | | |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

For meaning of symbol *, see page 1.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

| Particulars. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 1949 : September Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 1,638 | 1,604 | 1,538 | 1,588 | 1,618 | 1,607 | 1,610 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 1,885 | 1,850 | 1,815 | 1,820 | 1,872 | 1,822 | 1,857 |
| "Real" " (a) .. | 1,151 | 1,153 | 1,180 | 1,146 | 1,157 | 1,134 | 1,153 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 880 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 130/- | 128/- | 122/- | 124/- | 126/- | 127/- | 127/- |
| State " " " | (b) 130/- | (c) | (b) 126/- | 125/- | (d) 133/2 | (c) | .. |
| 1949 : December Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 1,676 | 1,660 | 1,571 | 1,624 | 1,645 | 1,645 | 1,653 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 1,917 | 1,883 | 1,871 | 1,843 | 1,912 | 1,844 | 1,891 |
| "Real" " (a) .. | 1,144 | 1,134 | 1,191 | 1,135 | 1,162 | 1,121 | 1,144 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 880 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (e) | 132/- | 130/- | 125/- | 126/- | 129/- | 128/- | 129/- |
| State " " " | (e) 132/- | (c) | (f) 129/- | 125/- | (g) 135/11 | (c) | .. |
| 1950 : March Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 1,709 | 1,693 | 1,595 | 1,642 | 1,668 | 1,641 | 1,682 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 1,949 | 1,926 | 1,898 | 1,880 | 1,957 | 1,872 | 1,927 |
| "Real" " (a) .. | 1,140 | 1,138 | 1,190 | 1,145 | 1,173 | 1,141 | 1,146 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 880 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h) | 135/- | 134/- | 127/- | 129/- | 131/- | 131/- | 133/- |
| State " " " | (h) 135/- | (c) | (i) 131/- | (h) 129/- | (j) 138/1 | (c) | .. |
| 1950 : June Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 1,764 | 1,739 | 1,631 | 1,683 | 1,711 | 1,693 | 1,730 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 1,999 | 1,971 | 1,973 | 1,920 | 1,992 | 1,891 | 1,976 |
| "Real" " (a) .. | 1,133 | 1,133 | 1,210 | 1,141 | 1,164 | 1,117 | 1,142 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 880 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (k) | 138/- | 137/- | 129/- | 131/- | 133/- | 131/- | 135/- |
| State " " " | (k) 138/- | (c) | (k) 133/- | (k) 131/- | (k) 140/- | (c) | .. |
| 1950 : September Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 1,819 | 1,769 | 1,671 | 1,722 | 1,745 | 1,745 | 1,773 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 2,057 | 2,015 | 2,009 | 1,973 | 2,044 | 1,946 | 2,026 |
| "Real" " (a) .. | 1,131 | 1,139 | 1,202 | 1,146 | 1,171 | 1,115 | 1,143 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 880 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 142/- | 140/- | 132/- | 134/- | 136/- | 135/- | 138/- |
| State " " " | (b) 142/- | (c) | (l) 136/- | (b) 134/- | (l) 143/6 | (c) | .. |
| 1950 : December Quarter(o)— | | | | | | | |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (e) | 146/- | 143/- | 135/- | 137/- | 139/- | 139/- | 142/- |
| State " " " | (e) 146/- | (c) | (m) 139/- | (e) 137/- | (n) 146/6 | (c) | .. |

(a) Weighted Average Six Capitals or Six States average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from 1st August.
 (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 21st July. (e) Payable as from 1st November. (f) Payable as from 31st October. (g) Payable as from 24th October. (h) Payable as from 1st February.
 (i) Payable as from 30th January. (j) Payable as from 31st January. (k) Payable as from 1st May. (l) Payable as from 31st July. (m) Payable as from 30th October. (n) Payable as from 23rd October. (o) The rates quoted do not apply for the whole of the quarter. New rates will operate from December, 1950.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Agricultural. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Mining other than Gold. (a) | Gold. (a) | All Groups. |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1936-37 | 1,111 | 1,104 | 929 | 1,073 | 982 | 993 | 1,064 |
| 1937-38 | 993 | 1,018 | 1,012 | 1,009 | 1,085 | 996 | 1,015 |
| 1938-39 | 896 | 878 | 1,059 | 918 | 933 | 1,011 | 922 |
| 1943-44 | 1,331 | 1,327 | 1,213 | 1,307 | 1,298 | 1,199 | 1,303 |
| 1944-45 | 1,636 | 1,320 | 1,200 | 1,407 | 1,367 | 1,205 | 1,399 |
| 1945-46 | 1,582 | 1,331 | 1,240 | 1,401 | 1,493 | 1,227 | 1,404 |
| 1946-47 | 1,810 | 1,786 | 1,313 | 1,705 | 1,752 | 1,234 | 1,697 |
| 1947-48 | 2,430 | 2,483 | 1,477 | 2,276 | 2,385 | 1,234 | 2,257 |
| 1948-49 | 2,165 | 2,954 | 1,807 | 2,464 | 3,060 | 1,234 | 2,481 |
| 1949-50† | 2,270 | *3,713 | 1,915 | *2,872 | 4,414 | 1,393 | *2,962 |
| 1949-50†— | | | | | | | |
| September | 2,138 | 2,841 | 1,832 | 2,407 | 4,452 | 1,451 | 2,535 |
| October | 2,152 | 3,132 | 1,849 | 2,550 | 4,486 | 1,776 | 2,665 |
| November | 2,173 | 3,306 | 1,868 | 2,641 | 4,532 | 1,776 | 2,748 |
| December | 2,365 | 3,001 | 1,888 | 2,848 | 4,553 | 1,776 | 2,937 |
| January | 2,348 | 4,182 | 1,873 | 3,108 | 4,564 | 1,776 | 3,168 |
| February | 2,355 | 4,042 | 1,984 | 3,067 | 4,583 | 1,776 | 3,134 |
| March | 2,355 | 3,995 | 1,989 | 3,046 | 4,604 | 1,776 | 3,121 |
| April | 2,360 | *4,431 | 1,986 | *3,250 | 4,628 | 1,776 | *3,314 |
| May | 2,359 | *4,682 | 1,996 | *3,367 | 4,649 | 1,776 | *3,422 |
| June | 2,381 | *4,635 | 1,996 | *3,353 | 4,662 | 1,776 | *3,412 |
| 1950-51†— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,409 | *4,577 | 1,993 | *3,335 | 4,683 | 1,776 | *3,397 |
| August | 2,417 | 6,218 | 2,005 | 4,100 | 4,705 | 1,776 | 4,078 |
| September | 2,443 | 6,382 | 1,950 | 4,175 | 4,752 | 1,776 | 4,146 |
| 1st Three mths., 1949-50† | 2,132 | 2,849 | 1,851 | 2,412 | (b)4,378 | (b)1,259 | 2,539 |
| 1st Three mths., 1950-51† | 2,423 | 5,726 | 1,983 | 3,870 | (c)4,648 | (c)1,776 | 3,874 |

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) First nine months, 1949.

(c) First nine months, 1950.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Primary Production Prices (All Groups). | Export Prices (including Gold). | Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | | Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (b) | Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies). |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| | | | Goods Principally Imported. (a) | Goods Principally Home Produced. | All Groups. | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | 1,064 | 1,144 | 991 | 980 | 984 | 973 1,022 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 1,015 | 1,022 | 1,018 | 1,000 | 1,005 | 998 1,009 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 922 | 834 | 991 | 1,020 | 1,011 | 1,029 969 |
| 1943-44 | .. | 1,303 | 1,171 | 1,823 | 1,217 | 1,396 | 1,270 1,020 |
| 1944-45 | .. | 1,399 | 1,297 | 1,819 | 1,232 | 1,405 | 1,270 1,061 |
| 1945-46 | .. | 1,404 | 1,459 | 1,782 | 1,257 | 1,412 | 1,278 1,161 |
| 1946-47 | .. | 1,697 | 2,027 | 1,768 | 1,288 | 1,429 | 1,309 1,325 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 2,257 | 2,834 | 1,924 | 1,448 | 1,588 | 1,393 1,450 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 2,481 | 3,324 | 2,008 | 1,727 | 1,809 | 1,528 1,426 |
| 1949-50 | .. | (c)*2,962 | 3,830 | 2,231 | *1,982 | *2,054 | 1,669 1,491 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | 3,319 | 2,000 | 1,573 | 1,699 | 1,478 1,469 1,459 1,449 1,449 1,433 1,433 1,426 1,406 1,384 1,388 1,339 |
| August | .. | .. | 3,300 | 2,025 | 1,629 | 1,745 | |
| September | .. | .. | 3,293 | 2,017 | 1,639 | 1,750 | |
| October | .. | .. | 3,204 | 2,015 | 1,636 | 1,747 | |
| November | .. | .. | 3,368 | 2,008 | 1,724 | 1,807 | |
| December | .. | .. | 3,497 | 2,010 | 1,751 | 1,827 | |
| January | .. | .. | 3,511 | 2,011 | 1,769 | 1,840 | |
| February | .. | .. | 3,532 | 2,016 | 1,797 | 1,861 | |
| March | .. | .. | 3,525 | 2,000 | 1,809 | 1,865 | |
| April | .. | .. | 3,111 | 2,005 | 1,795 | 1,856 | |
| May | .. | .. | 3,112 | 2,002 | 1,801 | 1,859 | |
| June | .. | .. | 3,115 | 1,991 | 1,803 | 1,858 | |
| 1949-50— | | (c) | | | | | |
| July | .. | 2,531 | 3,055 | 2,057 | 1,850 | 1,911 | 1,324 1,368 1,392 1,421 1,449 1,468 1,502 1,532 1,576 1,616 1,620 1,621 |
| August | .. | 2,551 | 3,126 | 2,066 | 1,850 | 1,913 | |
| September | .. | 2,535 | 3,135 | 2,040 | 1,855 | 1,909 | |
| October | .. | 2,665 | 3,449 | 2,086 | 1,877 | 1,938 | |
| November | .. | 2,748 | 3,568 | 2,171 | 1,913 | 1,988 | |
| December | .. | 2,937 | 3,753 | 2,208 | 1,975 | 2,043 | |
| January | .. | 3,168 | 4,251 | 2,322 | 1,972 | 2,074 | |
| February | .. | 3,134 | 4,157 | 2,369 | 2,001 | 2,109 | |
| March | .. | 3,121 | 4,110 | 2,355 | 2,006 | 2,109 | |
| April | .. | *3,314 | 4,289 | 2,364 | *2,164 | *2,222 | |
| May | .. | *3,422 | 4,572 | 2,354 | *2,149 | *2,208 | |
| June | .. | *3,412 | 4,500 | 2,377 | *2,169 | *2,229 | |
| 1950-51— | | (c) | | | | | |
| July | .. | *3,397 | 4,483 | 2,359 | *2,178 | *2,231 | 1,597 1,640 1,692 |
| August | .. | 4,078 | *5,762 | 2,403 | 2,285 | 2,319 | |
| September | .. | 4,146 | †5,970 | 2,422 | 2,301 | 2,336 | |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

(c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24.

For meaning of symbols .., *, † see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia. | | | New South Wales. | | | Victoria. | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private. | | Government. (a) | Private. | | Government. | Private. | |
| | Commonwealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Commonwealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note A. | Commonwealth and State. | Melbourne and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note B. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | (b) 1,986 | (c) 627 | .. | 848 | 416 | .. | 667 | 62 |
| 1937-38 | .. | (b) 2,307 | (c) 764 | .. | 1,093 | 506 | .. | 669 | 78 |
| 1938-39 | 408 | (b) 2,353 | (c) 755 | 187 | 1,111 | 495 | 107 | 702 | 63 |
| 1943-44 | 909 | (b) 299 | 92 | 250 | 114 | 52 | 209 | 86 | 10 |
| 1944-45 | 1,024 | (b) 520 | 207 | 426 | 183 | 122 | 291 | 132 | 10 |
| 1945-46 | 1,057 | (b) 2,190 | 1,147 | 540 | 943 | 808 | 381 | 592 | 61 |
| 1946-47 | 1,248 | 4,084 | (d) 1,991 | 633 | 1,768 | 1,301 | 371 | 1,195 | 91 |
| 1947-48 | 2,003 | 4,687 | (e) 3,151 | 1,044 | 1,705 | (f) 1,985 | 545 | 1,650 | 126 |
| 1948-49 | 1,986 | 5,577 | 3,832 | 904 | 2,089 | 2,432 | 675 | 1,804 | 211 |
| 1949-50 | 2,743 | 7,129 | 4,863 | 985 | 2,625 | 3,101 | 1,067 | 2,218 | 217 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 2,176 | 5,358 | 3,806 | 1,093 | 2,037 | 2,373 | 661 | 1,608 | 202 |
| December | 1,938 | 4,938 | 3,535 | 1,038 | 1,969 | 2,328 | 559 | 1,400 | 156 |
| March | 1,974 | 5,869 | 3,807 | 745 | 2,142 | 2,359 | 826 | 2,007 | 237 |
| June | 1,857 | 6,144 | 4,178 | 740 | 2,207 | 2,667 | 656 | 2,200 | 249 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 2,645 | 6,188 | 4,079 | 989 | 2,227 | 2,554 | 994 | 2,039 | 196 |
| December | 2,695 | 6,145 | 4,689 | 842 | 2,381 | 3,104 | 1,050 | 1,881 | 202 |
| March | 2,504 | 7,529 | 5,182 | 798 | 2,726 | 3,254 | 1,057 | 2,369 | 214 |
| June | 3,128 | 8,652 | 5,500 | 1,310 | 3,165 | 3,491 | 1,169 | 2,583 | 256 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 9,582 | | | | 3,183 | 4,083 | | 2,948 | |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 9,117 | .. | .. | 3,042 | 4,095 | .. | 3,024 | .. |
| August | .. | 10,026 | .. | .. | 3,082 | 4,278 | .. | 3,144 | .. |
| September | .. | 9,602 | .. | .. | 3,424 | 3,875 | .. | 2,675 | .. |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 Australia. (d) See E and F, page 27. (e) See A, below and C, page 27. (f) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

- A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
- B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols .. — see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
 (£'000.)

| Period. | Queensland. | | | South Australia. | | | Western Australia. | | | Tasmania. | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private.(a) | | Government.(b) | Private.(a) | | Government. | Private.(a) | | Government. | Private.(a) | | |
| | | Commonwealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. | | Commonwealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. | | Commonwealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. | | Commonwealth and State. | Hobart and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note F. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 153 | 98 | .. | 118 | 32 | .. | 168 | .. | .. | 32 | 19 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 167 | 114 | .. | 173 | 48 | .. | 174 | .. | .. | 31 | 18 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 34 | 171 | 118 | 22 | 192 | 63 | 38 | 145 | .. | 20 | 32 | 16 |
| 1943-44 | .. | 371 | 16 | 8 | 19 | 58 | 17 | 55 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| 1944-45 | .. | 203 | 62 | 35 | 34 | 80 | 26 | 52 | 50 | 7 | 18 | 13 | 7 |
| 1945-46 | .. | 34 | 241 | 193 | 46 | 260 | 51 | 39 | 129 | 18 | 17 | 25 | 16 |
| 1946-47 | .. | 78 | 455 | 290 | 57 | 379 | 105 | 77 | 187 | (c)60 | 32 | (d) 100 | (e)144 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 141 | 557 | (f)692 | 128 | 418 | 91 | 113 | 238 | 60 | 32 | 119 | 197 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 116 | 610 | 721 | 99 | 564 | 132 | 145 | 338 | 70 | 47 | 172 | 266 |
| 1949-50 | .. | 198 | 827 | 868 | 209 | 727 | 188 | 197 | 499 | 111 | 87 | 233 | 378 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. | | 114 | 584 | 740 | 97 | 592 | 119 | 128 | 387 | 72 | 83 | 150 | 300 |
| December " | | 143 | 609 | 646 | 88 | 461 | 134 | 93 | 347 | 71 | 17 | 152 | 200 |
| March " | | 79 | 604 | 779 | 90 | 593 | 117 | 206 | 336 | 67 | 28 | 187 | 248 |
| June " | | 126 | 644 | 721 | 122 | 610 | 158 | 153 | 281 | 68 | 60 | 202 | 315 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. | | 191 | 870 | 823 | 241 | 509 | 150 | 200 | 320 | 87 | 30 | 223 | 269 |
| December " | | 242 | 695 | 833 | 237 | 599 | 147 | 222 | 396 | 82 | 102 | 193 | 321 |
| March " | | 112 | 778 | 851 | 153 | 864 | 192 | 206 | 557 | 120 | 178 | 235 | 551 |
| June " | | 245 | 964 | 965 | 207 | 936 | 265 | 161 | 723 | 154 | 36 | 281 | 369 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. | | | 1,008 | 998 | | 1,171 | | | 922 | 239 | | 350 | 470 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 955 | 956 | .. | 939 | .. | .. | 869 | 266 | .. | 288 | 376 | |
| August | .. | 1,047 | 931 | .. | 1,303 | .. | .. | 1,095 | 262 | .. | 355 | 476 | |
| September | .. | 1,023 | 1,106 | .. | 1,271 | .. | .. | 803 | 189 | .. | 406 | 558 | |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946 includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols .. — see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a) page 27.)

| Period. | New Dwellings. | | Other New Buildings. | | Total New Buildings. | | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| | Number. | Value. £'000. | Number. | Value. £'000. | Number. | Value. £'000. | | |
| | | | | | | | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 (a) .. | 1,122 | 1,104 | 154 | 474 | 1,276 | 1,578 | 408 | 1,986 |
| 1937-38 (a) .. | 1,394 | 1,413 | 147 | 472 | 1,541 | 1,885 | 422 | 2,307 |
| 1938-39 (a) .. | 1,463 | 1,509 | 137 | 424 | 1,600 | 1,933 | 420 | 2,353 |
| 1943-44 (a) .. | 62 | 33 | 34 | 83 | 96 | 116 | 183 | 299 |
| 1944-45 (a) .. | 285 | 213 | 48 | 80 | 333 | 293 | 227 | 520 |
| 1945-46 (a) .. | 1,531 | 1,635 | 107 | 156 | 1,638 | 1,791 | 399 | 2,190 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,209 | 2,976 | 156 | 512 | 2,365 | 3,488 | 596 | 4,084 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,381 | 3,649 | 124 | 453 | 2,505 | 4,102 | 585 | 4,687 |
| 1948-49 .. | 2,613 | 4,457 | 110 | 440 | 2,723 | 4,897 | 680 | 5,577 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,045 | 5,770 | 113 | 460 | 3,158 | 6,230 | 899 | 7,129 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 2,338 | 3,991 | 99 | 406 | 2,437 | 4,397 | 867 | 5,264 |
| October .. | 2,336 | 3,903 | 102 | 288 | 2,438 | 4,191 | 576 | 4,767 |
| November .. | 2,533 | 4,201 | 112 | 377 | 2,645 | 4,578 | 631 | 5,209 |
| December .. | 2,163 | 3,719 | 84 | 622 | 2,247 | 4,341 | 496 | 4,837 |
| January .. | 2,134 | 3,611 | 67 | 534 | 2,201 | 4,145 | 751 | 4,896 |
| February .. | 2,526 | 4,447 | 79 | 563 | 2,605 | 5,010 | 480 | 5,490 |
| March .. | 3,485 | 5,906 | 119 | 411 | 3,604 | 6,317 | 903 | 7,220 |
| April .. | 2,620 | 4,548 | 110 | 339 | 2,730 | 4,887 | 822 | 5,709 |
| May .. | 3,220 | 5,719 | 168 | 399 | 3,388 | 6,118 | 683 | 6,801 |
| June .. | 2,762 | 4,883 | 121 | 479 | 2,883 | 5,362 | 560 | 5,922 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,512 | 4,282 | 81 | 294 | 2,593 | 4,576 | 450 | 5,026 |
| August .. | 2,828 | 5,186 | 102 | 347 | 2,930 | 5,533 | 868 | 6,401 |
| September .. | 3,004 | 5,661 | 121 | 531 | 3,125 | 6,192 | 944 | 7,136 |
| October .. | 2,932 | 5,348 | 99 | 342 | 3,031 | 5,690 | 817 | 6,507 |
| November .. | 3,001 | 5,723 | 104 | 334 | 3,105 | 6,057 | 771 | 6,828 |
| December .. | 2,167 | 4,086 | 93 | 374 | 2,260 | 4,460 | 641 | 5,101 |
| January .. | 2,873 | 5,246 | 68 | 263 | 2,941 | 5,509 | 712 | 6,221 |
| February .. | 3,374 | 6,390 | 125 | 639 | 3,499 | 7,029 | 982 | 8,011 |
| March .. | 3,446 | 6,774 | 136 | 499 | 3,582 | 7,273 | 1,084 | 8,357 |
| April .. | 2,829 | 5,470 | 120 | 539 | 2,949 | 6,009 | 707 | 6,716 |
| May .. | 3,935 | 7,808 | 178 | 780 | 4,113 | 8,588 | 1,455 | 10,043 |
| June .. | 3,635 | 7,266 | 132 | 571 | 3,767 | 7,837 | 1,361 | 9,198 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,603 | 7,388 | 154 | 565 | 3,757 | 7,953 | 1,164 | 9,117 |
| August .. | 4,067 | 8,108 | 157 | 643 | 4,224 | 8,751 | 1,275 | 10,026 |
| September .. | 3,575 | 7,145 | 151 | 1,002 | 3,726 | 8,147 | 1,455 | 9,602 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period. | Building Materials. | | | | | | Cooking Stoves. | | | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Bricks. | Terra-cotta Roofing Tiles. | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber.(a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel.(b) | Gas (b) | Electric.(c) | |
| | '000. | '000. | '000 sq. yds. (d) | Million sup. ft. | '000 tons. | '000 sq. yds. | No. | No. | No. | |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 53,068 | 2,630 | 522 | 53.6 | 60.0 | 567 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1937-38 | 57,403 | 3,023 | 678 | 62.2 | 71.0 | 619 | 4,562 | 3,481 | 749 | 1,257 |
| 1938-39 | 60,046 | 3,307 | 791 | 59.8 | 72.3 | 634 | 4,538 | 3,894 | 730 | 2,458 |
| 1943-44 | 8,996 | 254 | 1,419 | 72.2 | 57.7 | 137 | 2,851 | 1,315 | 376 | 817 |
| 1944-45 | 12,615 | 767 | 1,205 | 70.2 | 57.8 | 202 | 3,146 | 1,487 | 774 | 1,742 |
| 1945-46 | 25,437 | 1,961 | 1,322 | 74.2 | 60.3 | 451 | 3,864 | 1,839 | (e) 688 | 3,384 |
| 1946-47 | 41,441 | 3,118 | 1,610 | 87.3 | 73.5 | 755 | 3,629 | 2,264 | 894 | 5,711 |
| 1947-48 | 48,156 | 3,483 | 1,641 | 93.1 | 84.4 | 977 | 4,438 | 3,474 | 2,532 | 9,345 |
| 1948-49 | 51,449 | 3,680 | 1,547 | 98.7 | 86.0 | 1,103 | 5,120 | 4,130 | 3,494 | 12,173 |
| 1949-50† | 48,825 | 3,640 | 1,583 | 101.7 | 96.5 | 1,014 | 5,154 | 3,878 | 2,765 | 12,737 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 58,363 | 4,204 | 1,852 | 108.3 | 94.3 | 1,208 | 5,939 | 4,317 | 2,820 | 13,880 |
| October .. | 53,725 | 3,939 | 1,761 | 105.9 | 89.2 | 1,126 | 5,432 | 4,075 | 3,814 | 12,992 |
| November .. | 55,212 | 4,034 | 1,560 | 106.7 | 87.0 | 1,182 | 5,379 | 4,207 | 3,565 | 14,299 |
| December .. | 49,322 | 3,467 | 1,349 | 98.6 | 75.2 | 974 | 4,523 | 3,914 | 3,399 | 12,382 |
| January .. | 34,623 | 2,553 | 1,265 | 77.5 | 46.5 | 864 | 3,198 | 2,960 | 2,729 | 9,881 |
| February .. | 50,097 | 3,735 | 1,530 | 95.4 | 85.0 | 1,100 | 4,768 | 4,122 | 3,896 | 11,660 |
| March .. | 55,428 | 3,829 | 1,649 | 100.8 | 95.2 | 1,175 | 5,002 | 4,717 | 4,295 | 13,674 |
| April .. | 48,465 | 3,464 | 1,413 | 86.5 | 82.8 | 1,039 | 4,742 | 3,894 | 4,090 | 11,095 |
| May .. | 56,098 | 3,831 | 1,565 | 104.5 | 107.8 | 1,207 | 5,599 | 4,405 | 3,939 | 12,941 |
| June .. | 47,906 | 3,401 | 1,344 | 107.7 | 88.8 | 1,075 | 5,051 | 3,708 | 3,491 | 9,847 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | (f) | | | |
| July .. | 24,179 | 1,847 | 406 | 102.6 | 26.1 | 761 | 2,797 | 1,620 | 759 | 5,347 |
| August .. | 36,387 | 2,765 | 1,048 | 104.3 | 63.8 | 872 | 4,412 | 2,811 | 1,333 | 7,877 |
| September .. | 56,362 | 4,086 | 1,766 | 111.0 | 118.7 | 1,084 | 5,461 | 4,582 | 2,878 | 15,058 |
| October .. | 53,139 | 4,131 | 1,954 | 105.4 | 113.5 | 1,049 | 5,329 | 4,393 | 2,771 | 15,221 |
| November .. | 59,129 | 4,516 | 1,906 | 112.3 | 108.6 | 1,114 | 5,796 | 4,459 | 3,734 | 16,857 |
| December .. | 47,091 | 3,674 | 1,521 | 99.4 | 94.9 | 880 | 5,175 | 3,896 | 2,793 | 15,480 |
| January .. | 40,084 | 3,084 | 1,323 | 81.0 | 84.2 | 818 | 3,859 | 2,742 | 2,190 | 10,513 |
| February .. | 51,417 | 4,132 | 1,830 | 96.6 | 103.6 | 1,054 | 5,397 | 4,319 | 2,920 | 12,985 |
| March .. | 59,880 | 4,195 | 1,878 | 102.7 | 115.9 | 1,156 | 6,321 | 4,858 | 3,549 | 15,209 |
| April .. | 46,491 | 3,451 | 1,690 | 93.4 | 97.8 | 1,004 | 5,100 | 3,814 | 2,653 | 10,256 |
| May .. | 60,671 | 4,344 | 1,951 | 107.7 | 120.2 | 1,228 | 6,470 | 4,967 | 3,845 | 14,949 |
| June .. | 51,064 | 3,451 | 1,724 | 103.6 | 111.5 | 1,151 | 5,730 | 4,076 | 3,754 | 13,094 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 51,104 | 3,470 | 1,775 | 93.1 | 103.3 | 1,109 | 6,273 | 4,186 | 3,057 | 13,677 |
| August .. | 61,115 | 3,843 | 1,855 | | 105.3 | *1,169 | 6,894 | 4,486 | 4,143 | *15,939 |
| September .. | 57,672 | 3,955 | | | | 113.4 | 1,117 | 6,546 | 4,185 | 15,150 |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols, ..., *, †, — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS.

| Period. | Wheaten Flour. | Refined Sugar. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). | | | Meat (Bone-in Weight) (a) | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Processed Milk Products. (b) | Beef (in- cluding Veal). | Mutton. | Lamb. | Pork. | Bacon and Ham. (c) | Total. (d) |
| | '000 Short Tons. | '000 Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 Tons. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 102.4 | 27.0 | 13,908 | 1,636 | (e) 2,404 | 45,939 | 16,006 | 9,937 | 3,601 | 2,741 | 79.6 |
| 1937-38 .. | 104.2 | 28.9 | 15,242 | 2,018 | (e) 2,620 | 49,733 | 17,196 | 9,915 | 3,234 | 2,617 | 84.0 |
| 1938-39 .. | 114.4 | 28.2 | 16,232 | 2,415 | (e) 2,475 | 46,601 | 17,146 | 9,545 | 3,086 | 2,770 | 80.5 |
| 1943-44 .. | 113.2 | 34.9 | 12,569 | 2,971 | 6,313 | 41,723 | 22,949 | 12,779 | 3,790 | 3,810 | 87.0 |
| 1944-45 .. | 117.7 | 37.0 | 11,431 | 2,872 | 6,226 | 38,426 | 21,435 | 11,514 | 3,549 | 4,687 | 82.0 |
| 1945-46 .. | 101.6 | 35.7 | 12,131 | 3,414 | 6,606 | 33,887 | 16,482 | 7,738 | 2,927 | 4,049 | 67.1 |
| 1946-47 .. | 124.1 | 35.2 | 11,568 | 3,518 | 6,667 | 40,647 | 15,214 | 10,002 | 2,502 | 3,972 | 73.8 |
| 1947-48 .. | 133.2 | 36.3 | 13,139 | 3,453 | 7,691 | 46,833 | 13,802 | 10,804 | 2,280 | 3,826 | 78.9 |
| 1948-49 .. | 141.6 | 35.7 | 13,424 | 3,596 | 8,339 | 48,111 | 15,106 | 11,593 | 3,103 | 3,465 | 82.6 |
| 1949-50† .. | 125.3 | 35.9 | 14,036 | 3,735 | 8,882 | 50,736 | 17,072 | 12,697 | 2,759 | 3,170 | 87.6 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 151.9 | 36.1 | 13,335 | 4,572 | 9,282 | 45,353 | 12,906 | 12,523 | 2,427 | 3,717 | 78.2 |
| October .. | 147.2 | 35.3 | 17,487 | 5,978 | 12,453 | 42,910 | 13,079 | 17,119 | 2,572 | 3,450 | 80.4 |
| November .. | 141.6 | 36.7 | 18,166 | 5,802 | 13,667 | 45,085 | 15,916 | 15,141 | 3,163 | 3,804 | 84.5 |
| December .. | 131.2 | 32.1 | 18,481 | 5,317 | 12,580 | 40,949 | 17,325 | 18,042 | 4,301 | 4,027 | 86.1 |
| January .. | 137.6 | 48.8 | 17,101 | 4,257 | 9,864 | 39,744 | 18,139 | 13,724 | 3,027 | 2,780 | 78.4 |
| February .. | 128.3 | 39.3 | 14,246 | 2,997 | 7,810 | 41,123 | 20,771 | 10,601 | 3,127 | 2,928 | 79.6 |
| March .. | 138.3 | 35.3 | 15,380 | 3,165 | 6,080 | 44,448 | 16,730 | 8,269 | 3,362 | 3,418 | 77.5 |
| April .. | 122.9 | 29.9 | 12,153 | 2,446 | 7,195 | 44,853 | 13,791 | 8,438 | 3,697 | 3,244 | 75.2 |
| May .. | 139.3 | 34.9 | 9,139 | 1,854 | 5,404 | 55,288 | 14,682 | 9,507 | 3,469 | 3,611 | 87.9 |
| June .. | 141.2 | 27.9 | 7,299 | 1,578 | 4,965 | 62,197 | 13,410 | 9,560 | 2,845 | 3,187 | 92.3 |
| 1949-50— | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † |
| July .. | 115.9 | 23.9 | 7,392 | 1,997 | 4,384 | 60,449 | 13,178 | 9,651 | 2,665 | 3,022 | 90.1 |
| August .. | 126.1 | 28.2 | 10,168 | 3,109 | 6,351 | 58,033 | 14,870 | 11,535 | 2,617 | 3,436 | 91.7 |
| September .. | 149.2 | 40.1 | 13,901 | 4,634 | 9,121 | 57,516 | 18,045 | 18,257 | 2,548 | 3,149 | 100.6 |
| October .. | 148.0 | 40.2 | 19,083 | 6,276 | 13,360 | 43,245 | 18,435 | 22,593 | 2,227 | 3,199 | 90.9 |
| November .. | 143.1 | 41.9 | 21,520 | 6,532 | 14,801 | 43,228 | 20,859 | 22,833 | 2,707 | 3,846 | 94.9 |
| December .. | 131.4 | 37.7 | 21,329 | 6,212 | 14,389 | 43,269 | 21,675 | 18,755 | 3,666 | 4,242 | 93.1 |
| January .. | 119.0 | 34.8 | 17,386 | 4,594 | 11,912 | 42,131 | 22,354 | 11,855 | 2,310 | 2,682 | 82.3 |
| February .. | 100.0 | 33.6 | 14,724 | 3,176 | 8,660 | 45,923 | 20,636 | 8,091 | 2,422 | 2,748 | 80.8 |
| March .. | 100.1 | 42.0 | 15,129 | 2,834 | 7,896 | 48,641 | 15,783 | 8,053 | 3,186 | 3,138 | 79.9 |
| April .. | 95.1 | 34.5 | 11,148 | 2,319 | 5,886 | 45,055 | 12,668 | 6,356 | 2,840 | 2,758 | 70.7 |
| May .. | 138.7 | 40.1 | 9,487 | 1,793 | 5,330 | 57,269 | 13,646 | 7,208 | 2,986 | 2,996 | 85.2 |
| June .. | 137.2 | 34.2 | 7,165 | 1,347 | 4,489 | 64,073 | 12,714 | 7,177 | 2,931 | 2,823 | 90.7 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | † | † | † | | | |
| July .. | 145.5 | 37.9 | 7,355 | 1,661 | 4,425 | 58,670 | 12,248 | 6,783 | 2,629 | 2,619 | 83.9 |
| August .. | 147.6 | 42.8 | 10,379 | 3,036 | 6,585 | 57,824 | 12,130 | 8,424 | 2,541 | 3,006 | 85.0 |
| September .. | 146.0 | 40.3 | 14,446 | 5,095 | 9,780 | 55,323 | 12,282 | 11,213 | 2,375 | 2,909 | 85.1 |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 (c) Cured weight. (d) In terms of fresh meat. (e) Incomplete.

(b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Black Coal Produced. | | | Metals. | | | | | | Gas made in Gasworks. | Total Electricity Generated |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Under-ground. | Open Cut. | Total. | Pig-iron. | Ingot Steel. (a) | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) | Gold, Refined. | | |
| | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 fine oz. | Million cubic feet. | Million kwh. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | .. | .. | 946 | 76.1 | 89.4 | 5,840 | 17,562 | 1,280 | 108.2 | 1,679 | 331 |
| 1937-38 .. | .. | .. | 959 | 77.5 | 96.5 | 5,810 | 18,797 | 1,437 | 123.3 | 1,746 | 363 |
| 1938-39 .. | .. | .. | 1,016 | 92.1 | 97.4 | 5,819 | 19,416 | 1,457 | 134.2 | 1,873 | 391 |
| 1943-44 .. | .. | .. | 1,149 | 108.8 | 127.0 | 6,717 | 14,323 | 1,682 | 56.8 | 2,496 | 556 |
| 1944-45 .. | .. | .. | 1,152 | 93.1 | 112.1 | 6,612 | 12,933 | 1,683 | 54.4 | 2,617 | 570 |
| 1945-46 .. | .. | .. | 1,055 | 75.5 | 87.9 | 6,705 | 12,590 | 1,774 | 57.4 | 2,663 | 576 |
| 1946-47 .. | .. | .. | 1,181 | 95.3 | 109.3 | 5,859 | 14,693 | 1,812 | 76.6 | 2,784 | 627 |
| 1947-48 .. | .. | .. | (c)1,226 | 103.0 | 111.9 | 6,283 | 14,497 | 1,290 | 75.3 | 3,025 | 697 |
| 1948-49 .. | †1,081 | †176 | †(c)1,257 | 87.1 | 98.0 | 6,889 | 17,017 | 934 | 77.7 | 3,061 | 754 |
| 1949-50 .. | †1,038 | †204 | †(c)1,242 | †90.3 | †99.5 | 6,991 | †15,988 | †980 | 71.8 | 2,892 | 790 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | †(c) | †(c) | †(c) | 99.7 | 107.8 | 6,917 | 17,476 | 797 | 70.7 | 3,215 | 753 |
| September .. | 1,231 | 182 | 1,413 | 99.7 | 107.8 | 6,917 | 17,476 | 797 | 70.7 | 3,215 | 753 |
| October .. | 1,069 | 165 | 1,234 | 89.1 | 91.5 | 7,277 | 18,524 | 588 | 73.6 | 3,163 | 753 |
| November .. | 1,206 | 164 | 1,370 | 69.1 | 66.1 | 7,071 | 17,667 | 803 | 77.4 | 2,854 | 735 |
| December .. | 1,054 | 155 | 1,209 | 96.2 | 106.2 | 6,884 | 13,280 | 1,218 | 79.7 | 2,851 | 711 |
| January .. | 648 | 110 | 758 | 83.0 | 88.6 | 6,401 | 15,189 | 440 | 68.2 | 2,763 | 681 |
| February .. | 1,056 | 156 | 1,212 | 84.0 | 98.7 | 6,073 | 16,675 | 1,533 | 66.3 | 2,649 | 695 |
| March .. | 1,176 | 206 | 1,382 | 92.7 | 104.2 | 6,660 | 16,753 | 645 | 67.7 | 3,032 | 785 |
| April .. | 1,000 | 182 | 1,182 | 80.5 | 91.8 | 6,816 | 15,399 | 1,283 | 70.3 | 3,078 | 742 |
| May .. | 1,223 | 227 | 1,450 | 89.2 | 114.2 | 7,198 | 17,328 | 1,297 | 71.4 | 3,477 | 825 |
| June .. | 870 | 173 | 1,043 | †69.9 | †69.8 | 6,936 | 18,909 | 707 | 104.3 | 2,979 | 789 |
| 1949-50— | | | | † | † | | | | | | |
| July .. | 57 | 71 | 128 | 16.9 | — | 6,781 | 4,870 | 223 | 64.7 | 1,822 | 625 |
| August .. | 847 | 284 | 1,131 | 40.2 | 45.9 | 6,160 | 5,966 | 539 | 70.3 | 2,291 | 735 |
| September .. | 1,371 | 219 | 1,590 | 108.3 | 134.0 | 6,730 | 18,514 | 1,162 | 74.5 | 3,242 | 799 |
| October .. | 1,278 | 209 | 1,487 | 116.4 | 128.7 | 7,210 | 18,277 | 889 | 77.0 | 3,184 | 798 |
| November .. | 1,393 | 282 | 1,675 | 124.0 | 128.0 | 7,028 | 17,137 | 780 | 81.5 | 3,019 | 794 |
| December .. | 876 | 183 | 1,059 | 118.6 | 131.8 | 7,328 | 19,357 | 360 | 72.8 | 2,917 | 755 |
| January .. | 855 | 170 | 1,025 | 115.8 | 116.4 | 7,306 | 18,410 | 423 | 65.4 | 2,727 | 751 |
| February .. | 1,093 | 174 | 1,267 | 100.5 | 112.8 | 6,626 | 17,451 | 1,549 | 64.2 | 2,689 | 757 |
| March .. | 1,221 | 220 | 1,441 | 89.4 | 110.5 | 7,416 | 17,225 | 1,945 | 65.5 | 3,013 | 841 |
| April .. | 1,002 | 197 | 1,199 | 85.4 | 103.8 | 7,239 | 17,836 | 567 | 62.1 | 3,040 | 790 |
| May .. | 1,328 | 274 | 1,602 | 98.3 | 112.5 | 7,513 | 18,725 | 2,075 | 67.4 | 3,430 | 913 |
| June .. | 1,134 | 167 | 1,301 | 115.1 | 122.0 | 6,560 | 18,085 | 1,247 | 95.7 | 3,334 | 918 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,194 | 185 | 1,379 | 103.0 | 104.3 | 7,503 | 17,076 | 529 | 63.5 | 3,333 | 947 |
| August .. | *1,335 | 271 | *1,606 | 120.6 | 125.1 | 7,498 | 17,359 | 744 | 71.0 | 3,471 | 944 |
| September .. | | | 1,521 | 122.2 | 135.9 | 7,244 | | | 68.8 | | 876 |

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.
Joint Coal Board.

(b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Source:

For meaning of symbols .., —, *, † see page 1.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period. | Beer. | Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a) | Sulphuric Acid (100%). | Superphosphate. | Boots and Shoes (not rubber). | Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c. |
|-------------------|------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | '000 gals. | '000 lb. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 pairs. | '000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 6,261 | 1,805 | 36,399 | 90,852 | 1,208 | .. |
| 1937-38 | 7,084 | 1,904 | 41,274 | 102,820 | 1,176 | .. |
| 1938-39 | 7,523 | 1,939 | 40,791 | 99,954 | 1,164 | .. |
| 1943-44 | 8,510 | 2,271 | 19,751 | 45,308 | 1,394 | 70 |
| 1944-45 | 8,613 | 2,193 | 27,751 | 69,954 | 1,388 | 63 |
| 1945-46 | 9,033 | 2,208 | 35,102 | 92,109 | 1,170 | 94 |
| 1946-47 | 10,657 | 2,534 | 38,318 | 97,541 | 1,306 | 141 |
| 1947-48 | 10,561 | 2,502 | 40,407 | 98,838 | 1,351 | 143 |
| 1948-49 | 12,171 | 2,427 | 48,775 | 118,595 | 1,288 | 145 |
| 1949-50 | 13,001 | 2,483 | 50,589 | 124,385 | 1,279 | 164 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | |
| September .. | 12,029 | 2,408 | 47,949 | 134,158 | 1,374 | 148 |
| October .. | 12,179 | 2,472 | 51,115 | 118,166 | 1,261 | 160 |
| November .. | 12,983 | 2,679 | 47,822 | 110,703 | 1,375 | 165 |
| December .. | 13,190 | 2,438 | 46,194 | 126,444 | 1,096 | 120 |
| January .. | 12,644 | 2,022 | 46,195 | 102,633 | 895 | 98 |
| February .. | 12,382 | 2,279 | 48,188 | 121,818 | 1,269 | 139 |
| March .. | 13,897 | 2,581 | 53,046 | 134,742 | 1,444 | 156 |
| April .. | 10,830 | 2,220 | 50,164 | 111,836 | 1,184 | 135 |
| May .. | 12,919 | 2,467 | 54,420 | 135,065 | 1,433 | 167 |
| June .. | 10,908 | 2,201 | 52,136 | 132,050 | 1,380 | 127 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 6,335 | 2,353 | 29,481 | 72,006 | 1,016 | 69 |
| August .. | 10,977 | 2,528 | 49,995 | 128,574 | 1,377 | 159 |
| September .. | 13,531 | 2,270 | 51,218 | 125,513 | 1,417 | 181 |
| October .. | 13,513 | 2,567 | 44,274 | 112,513 | 1,370 | 169 |
| November .. | 14,177 | 2,899 | 50,831 | 129,296 | 1,443 | 195 |
| December .. | 14,381 | 2,496 | 50,719 | 114,099 | 1,063 | 142 |
| January .. | 14,119 | 1,927 | 54,836 | 135,588 | 864 | 114 |
| February .. | 13,601 | 2,467 | 46,834 | 121,324 | 1,264 | 176 |
| March .. | 15,311 | 2,714 | 56,830 | 142,647 | 1,426 | 193 |
| April .. | 12,417 | 2,363 | 53,984 | 123,566 | 1,177 | 152 |
| May .. | 14,809 | 2,805 | 60,989 | 153,830 | 1,500 | 220 |
| June .. | 12,838 | 2,407 | 57,081 | 133,658 | 1,429 | 199 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 12,700 | 2,645 | 52,879 | 125,089 | *1,386 | 198 |
| August .. | 14,104 | *2,575 | 58,120 | 150,906 | *1,526 | 219 |
| September .. | 13,595 | 2,567 | 46,803 | 115,700 | 1,477 | |

(a) Monthly averages for Australian factory production. Monthly totals for quantity upon which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols .., * see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : Average 3 years 1937 to 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Belgium. | Canada. | Denmark. | France. (a) | Italy. (b) | Japan. | Nether- lands. (c) | Norway | Sweden. | United King- dom. (d) | U.S.A. |
|--------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1937 .. | 112 | 101 | 98 | 100 | .. | 94 | 96 | 98 | 97 | .. | 109 |
| 1938 .. | 91 | 96 | 98 | 92 | 100 | 101 | 97 | 98 | 97 | .. | 86 |
| 1939 .. | 97 | 102 | 105 | .. | .. | 105 | 107 | 104 | 106 | .. | 105 |
| 1944 .. | .. | 187 | 85 | 30 | .. | 137 | 41 | 75 | 111 | .. | 227 |
| 1945 .. | .. | 165 | 72 | 39 | .. | 57 | 30 | 68 | 109 | .. | 196 |
| 1945-46 .. | (e) 81 | 152 | 82 | (e) 73 | .. | (e) 32 | (f) 55 | 83 | (e) 132 | (e) 100 | 163 |
| 1946-47 .. | (e) 97 | 157 | 101 | (e) 87 | .. | (e) 38 | 83 | 106 | (e) 136 | 108 | 177 |
| 1947-48 .. | (e) 103 | 167 | 122 | 95 | .. | (e) 49 | 101 | 119 | (e) 145 | 117 | 182 |
| 1948-49 .. | 107 | 172 | 129 | 109 | *104 | 57 | 116 | 126 | (e) 150 | 125 | 180 |
| 1949-50 .. | 104 | 176 | 142 | 111 | *112 | 65 | 128 | 134 | 152 | 135 | 174 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 108 | 172 | 133 | 104 | * | 55 | 114 | 127 | 146 | 124 | 190 |
| October .. | 107 | 174 | 134 | 96 | 109 | 55 | 119 | 125 | 147 | 126 | 192 |
| November .. | 107 | 173 | 135 | 106 | 106 | 55 | 122 | 131 | 148 | 129 | 189 |
| December .. | 107 | 174 | 129 | 110 | 105 | 56 | 123 | 122 | 148 | 123 | 183 |
| January .. | 106 | 167 | 128 | 109 | 100 | 55 | 115 | 129 | 146 | 124 | 180 |
| February .. | 110 | 169 | 130 | 116 | 96 | 55 | 109 | 138 | 149 | 130 | 179 |
| March .. | 111 | 174 | 132 | 117 | 103 | 62 | 124 | 134 | 151 | 131 | 174 |
| April .. | 106 | 173 | 135 | 117 | 98 | 63 | 114 | 133 | 154 | 124 | 171 |
| May .. | 110 | 176 | 140 | 120 | 112 | 61 | 119 | 137 | 152 | 134 | 168 |
| June .. | 107 | 178 | 136 | 118 | 111 | 62 | 119 | 133 | 148 | 130 | 164 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 93 | 167 | 102 | 106 | * | 63 | 120 | 87 | 144 | 118 | 157 |
| August .. | 99 | 167 | 134 | 92 | 90 | 61 | 117 | 118 | 144 | 119 | 168 |
| September .. | 103 | 177 | 144 | 110 | 111 | 62 | 128 | 132 | 150 | 132 | 172 |
| October .. | 105 | 174 | 141 | 112 | 112 | 64 | 133 | 135 | 151 | 135 | 163 |
| November .. | 107 | 174 | 144 | 114 | 110 | 63 | 136 | 139 | 156 | 140 | 168 |
| December .. | 107 | 175 | 145 | 116 | 112 | 66 | 132 | 130 | 152 | 131 | 172 |
| January .. | 105 | 171 | 137 | 116 | 110 | 63 | 128 | 132 | 150 | 136 | 172 |
| February .. | 107 | 175 | 142 | 116 | 107 | 63 | 121 | 151 | 152 | 141 | 171 |
| March .. | 107 | 180 | 148 | 102 | 121 | 67 | 136 | 147 | 158 | 144 | 177 |
| April .. | 108 | 179 | 152 | 112 | 114 | 69 | 123 | 140 | 160 | 135 | 181 |
| May .. | 107 | 185 | 158 | 117 | 125 | 71 | 128 | 148 | 157 | 141 | 189 |
| June .. | 102 | *194 | 154 | 114 | 118 | 72 | *137 | 142 | 153 | *142 | 193 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 91 | *187 | 109 | 106 | 120 | *71 | *134 | *92 | *104 | 134 | 191 |
| August .. | | 180 | 148 | 94 | | 71 | 138 | 131 | 148 | 125 | *205 |
| September .. | | 157 | | | | | | | | | 207 |

(a) Base 1937 = 100. (b) Base 1938 = 100. Series revised to include the food processing and engineering industries.

(c) Manufacturing, mining and public utilities. (d) Interim index prepared to provide an overall measure of monthly changes in total industrial production (including supplies and equipment for Armed Forces). Includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing industries, building and contracting, gas, electricity and water. Base 1946 = 100. (e) Year ended December. (f) Eleven months August-June.

For meaning of symbols .. — * see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. | | | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a) | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. |
| 1936-37 | 499,289 | 214,296 | 77,912 | 48,587 | 24,191 | 7,479 |
| 1937-38 | 534,963 | 241,751 | 80,114 | 55,125 | 27,402 | 8,323 |
| 1938-39 (a) | 562,271 | 258,025 | 79,237 | 54,107 | 24,927 | 7,370 |
| 1943-44 | 493,391 | 274,269 | 52,560 | 825 | 12,635 | 340 |
| 1944-45 | 505,782 | 290,961 | 57,239 | 899 | 7,654 | 411 |
| 1945-46 | 522,615 | 333,129 | 72,701 | 2,123 | 8,686 | 1,953 |
| 1946-47 | 550,400 | 375,646 | 86,712 | 21,237 | 16,317 | 8,220 |
| 1947-48 | 593,077 | 414,072 | 100,196 | 42,745 | 28,769 | 14,308 |
| 1948-49 | 655,497 | 452,147 | 117,133 | 66,471 | 36,678 | 22,226 |
| 1949-50 | 768,586 | 501,325 | 133,789 | 115,012 | 57,946 | 26,782 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | |
| September | 609,539 | 423,529 | 104,264 | 5,876 | 3,348 | 1,651 |
| October | 614,597 | 426,580 | 105,423 | 5,649 | 3,239 | 1,766 |
| November | 623,089 | 431,725 | 107,273 | 5,226 | 3,099 | 1,887 |
| December | 628,928 | 435,847 | 108,868 | 5,033 | 3,189 | 1,941 |
| January | 628,406 | 436,566 | 109,673 | 3,468 | 2,116 | 1,610 |
| February | 633,057 | 439,374 | 111,582 | 4,782 | 2,250 | 2,036 |
| March | 639,661 | 443,641 | 113,200 | 6,136 | 3,316 | 2,320 |
| April | 641,289 | 444,097 | 114,196 | 5,355 | 3,043 | 1,978 |
| May | 648,637 | 448,433 | 115,457 | 7,087 | 3,448 | 2,002 |
| June | 655,497 | 452,147 | 117,133 | 6,249 | 3,541 | 1,814 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | |
| July | 659,894 | 450,578 | 116,538 | 6,145 | 3,409 | 1,792 |
| August | 669,619 | 457,403 | 118,666 | 6,229 | 3,535 | 2,076 |
| September | 676,863 | 462,238 | 120,381 | 7,118 | 3,932 | 2,279 |
| October | 681,573 | 465,462 | 121,703 | 7,292 | 4,304 | 2,245 |
| November | 691,859 | 471,356 | 123,666 | 10,624 | 5,282 | 2,480 |
| December | 702,380 | 476,623 | 125,770 | 10,794 | 5,643 | 2,538 |
| January | 709,407 | 477,212 | 126,883 | 7,505 | 3,894 | 2,214 |
| February | 715,715 | 481,728 | 127,708 | 9,665 | 4,545 | 2,275 |
| March | 730,587 | 486,279 | 129,817 | 12,272 | 5,726 | 2,626 |
| April | 739,192 | 489,332 | 131,220 | 9,976 | 4,752 | 2,128 |
| May | 755,361 | 496,720 | 132,834 | 14,864 | 6,969 | 2,483 |
| June | 768,586 | 501,325 | 133,789 | 12,528 | 5,955 | 1,646 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| July† | 778,869 | 505,569 | 134,363 | 11,637 | 6,116 | 1,714 |
| August† | 790,852 | 510,271 | 135,670 | 13,633 | 7,616 | 2,146 |
| September† | 799,082 | 509,868 | 134,933 | 11,700 | 7,224 | 2,060 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period. | Freight Carried. | | Passenger-Journeys. | Gross Revenue. | Net Revenue. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Net Ton Miles. | Average haul per ton. | | | |
| | Daily Average. '000. | Miles. | Daily Average. '000. | Per Month. £'000. | Per Month. £'000. |
| 1936-37 | 12,820 | 125.9 | 1,028 | 3,407 | 886 |
| 1937-38 | 13,976 | 125.0 | 1,048 | 3,632 | 886 |
| 1938-39 | 13,085 | 127.0 | 1,048 | 3,580 | 694 |
| 1943-44 | 19,694 | 155.6 | 1,445 | 6,434 | 1,190 |
| 1944-45 | 18,389 | 150.0 | 1,457 | 5,869 | 1,056 |
| 1945-46 | 16,893 | 147.1 | 1,485 | 5,576 | 823 |
| 1946-47 | 17,406 | 148.4 | 1,368 | 5,303 | 427 |
| 1947-48 | 18,510 | 144.4 | 1,395 | 6,376 | 443 |
| 1948-49 | 19,317 | 146.2 | 1,381 | 7,174 | 89 |
| 1949-50 | 19,181 | 148.8 | 1,377 | 7,702 | — 184 |
| 1948-49— | (a) | (a) | | | (b) |
| May | 20,125 | 144.7 | 1,454 | 7,606 | — 238 |
| June | 17,110 | 156.2 | 1,331 | 7,264 | — 1,182 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | |
| July | 9,896 | 139.6 | 1,051 | 4,119 | — 2,320 |
| August | 15,956 | 143.6 | 1,265 | 6,213 | — 448 |
| September | 21,626 | 146.3 | 1,326 | 7,852 | 331 |
| October | 21,637 | 149.7 | 1,425 | 8,156 | 624 |
| November | 22,198 | 143.8 | 1,375 | 8,453 | 262 |
| December | 20,724 | 159.3 | 1,330 | 8,370 | 337 |
| January | 19,103 | 157.7 | 1,383 | 8,302 | 568 |
| February | 20,759 | 149.1 | 1,457 | 7,705 | 112 |
| March | 19,701 | 147.9 | 1,509 | 8,540 | 393 |
| April | 18,945 | 149.7 | 1,598 | 7,574 | — 116 |
| May | 21,181 | 151.3 | 1,467 | 8,709 | — 226 |
| June | 18,457 | 148.2 | 1,336 | 8,438 | — 1,720 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | |
| July | 18,502 | 150.1 | 1,448 | 7,679 | — 645 |

(a) Excludes Tasmania. (b) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE. (a)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| July-September, 1949 .. | £'000. (b) 6,831 | £'000. 3,822 | £'000. 3,765 | £'000. 1,124 | £'000. 1,316 | £'000. 16,858 |
| July-September, 1950 .. | 10,360 | 5,316 | 4,471 | (c) 1,663 | 1,690 | 23,500 |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes £3,000,000, part of Commonwealth grant towards losses due to coal strike. (c) Excludes Treasury transfers £644,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

| Period. | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total Australia. |
| | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 284 | 92 | 39 | 184 | 8 | 68 | 675 |
| 1937-38 .. | 309 | 101 | 37 | 212 | 8 | 75 | 742 |
| 1938-39 .. | 284 | 94 | 39 | 241 | 10 | 78 | 746 |
| 1943-44(a) .. | 319 | 86 | 53 | 220 | 16 | 76 | 770 |
| 1944-45(a) .. | 317 | 96 | 47 | 217 | 32 | 66 | 775 |
| 1945-46(a) .. | 264 | 70 | 44 | 158 | 26 | 56 | (b) 618 |
| 1946-47 .. | 283 | 72 | 46 | 234 | 17 | 55 | (b) 707 |
| 1947-48 .. | 293 | 64 | 46 | 216 | 14 | 58 | (b) 692 |
| 1948-49 .. | 287 | 59 | 43 | 167 | 11 | 50 | (b) 617 |
| 1949-50 .. | 258 | 58 | 40 | 215 | 12 | 51 | (b) 635 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48— June .. | 273 | 70 | 46 | 253 | 7 | 76 | 725 |
| 1948-49— July .. | 330 | 68 | 53 | 220 | 10 | 67 | 748 |
| August .. | 297 | 65 | 51 | 224 | 11 | 67 | 715 |
| September .. | 327 | 68 | 34 | 211 | 11 | 56 | (b) 708 |
| October .. | 354 | 51 | 26 | 218 | 9 | 44 | 702 |
| November .. | 300 | 57 | 39 | 176 | 17 | 54 | 643 |
| December .. | 316 | 67 | 55 | 192 | 11 | 32 | (b) 674 |
| January .. | 204 | 52 | 31 | 219 | 8 | 42 | 556 |
| February .. | 246 | 57 | 43 | 216 | 6 | 46 | 614 |
| March .. | 317 | 45 | 56 | 168 | 10 | 66 | 662 |
| April .. | 248 | 64 | 42 | 49 | 8 | 47 | 458 |
| May .. | 322 | 60 | 47 | 49 | 15 | 51 | 544 |
| June .. | 178 | 58 | 32 | 63 | 17 | 30 | 378 |
| 1949-50— July .. | 36 | 74 | 33 | 53 | 9 | 55 | (b) 261 |
| August .. | 198 | 61 | 37 | 72 | 3 | 41 | 412 |
| September .. | 352 | 67 | 40 | 223 | 22 | 72 | (b) 777 |
| October .. | 322 | 44 | 44 | 279 | 13 | 35 | 737 |
| November .. | 317 | 52 | 37 | 259 | 18 | 60 | (b) 744 |
| December .. | 310 | 63 | 43 | 261 | 10 | 37 | 724 |
| January .. | 233 | 48 | 65 | 251 | 8 | 37 | (b) 643 |
| February .. | 276 | 50 | 47 | 190 | 7 | 57 | (b) 629 |
| March .. | 289 | 42 | 34 | 260 | 12 | 47 | 684 |
| April .. | 238 | 67 | 38 | 239 | 6 | 55 | (b) 643 |
| May .. | 301 | 48 | 41 | 222 | 17 | 55 | (b) 685 |
| June .. | 225 | 75 | 39 | 268 | 16 | 62 | (b) 685 |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

| Period. | Discharged. | | | Shipped. | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Tons Weight. '000. | Tons Measure. '000. | Total (Tons W and M). '000. | Tons Weight. '000. | Tons Measure. '000. | Total (Tons W and M). '000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 304 | 169 | 473 | 419 | 78 | 497 |
| 1937-38 | 364 | 190 | 554 | 478 | 91 | 569 |
| 1938-39 | 350 | 183 | 533 | 428 | 91 | 519 |
| 1943-44(a) | 345 | 148 | 493 | 279 | 142 | 421 |
| 1944-45(a) | 362 | 150 | 512 | 251 | 151 | 402 |
| 1945-46(a) | 384 | 139 | 523 | 202 | 121 | 323 |
| 1946-47 | 348 | 116 | 464 | 259 | 112 | 371 |
| 1947-48 | 415 | 160 | 575 | 374 | 104 | 478 |
| 1948-49 | 488 | 214 | 702 | 452 | 114 | 566 |
| 1949-50 | 641 | 298 | 939 | 418 | 115 | 533 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | |
| 1947-48— | | | | | | |
| June | 389 | 151 | 540 | 572 | 139 | 711 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | |
| July | 451 | 216 | 667 | 583 | 99 | 682 |
| August | 428 | 187 | 615 | 387 | 106 | 493 |
| September | 486 | 202 | 688 | 474 | 125 | 599 |
| October | 496 | 178 | 674 | 409 | 61 | 570 |
| November | 493 | 184 | 677 | 398 | 123 | 521 |
| December | 451 | 182 | 633 | 459 | 118 | 577 |
| January | 403 | 241 | 644 | 450 | 67 | 517 |
| February | 514 | 247 | 761 | 426 | 96 | 522 |
| March | 504 | 226 | 730 | 444 | 92 | 536 |
| April | 554 | 236 | 790 | 432 | 131 | 563 |
| May | 593 | 225 | 818 | 548 | 126 | 674 |
| June | 486 | 249 | 735 | 418 | 118 | 536 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | |
| July | 611 | 210 | 821 | 373 | 112 | 485 |
| August | 725 | 228 | 953 | 445 | 121 | 566 |
| September | 597 | 305 | 902 | 489 | 132 | 621 |
| October | 666 | 315 | 981 | 476 | 121 | 597 |
| November | 575 | 254 | 829 | 284 | 99 | 383 |
| December | 568 | 296 | 864 | 343 | 100 | 443 |
| January | 680 | 343 | 1,023 | 336 | 81 | 417 |
| February | 506 | 254 | 760 | 432 | 95 | 527 |
| March | 766 | 365 | 1,131 | 471 | 140 | 611 |
| April | 638 | 334 | 972 | 463 | 124 | 587 |
| May | 780 | 378 | 1,158 | 527 | 144 | 671 |
| June | 576 | 291 | 867 | 377 | 117 | 494 |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia. | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a) | | |
| | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total Taxable and Exempt Goods. |
| Monthly Averages. Totals complete. | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 15,440 | 21,751 | 37,191 |
| 1937-38 .. | 16,942 | 23,612 | 40,554 |
| 1938-39 .. | 16,374 | 23,388 | 39,762 |
| 1942-43 .. | 16,821 | 32,884 | 49,705 |
| 1943-44 .. | 17,851 | 32,622 | 50,473 |
| 1944-45 .. | 19,274 | 32,988 | 52,262 |
| 1945-46 .. | 22,330 | 33,373 | 55,703 |
| 1946-47 .. | 24,580 | 42,170 | 66,750 |
| 1947-48 .. | 26,193 | 53,329 | 79,522 |
| 1948-49 .. | 30,264 | 63,115 | 93,379 |
| Taxable Sales—Rates. | | | |
| | 8½ per cent. | 10 per cent. | 25 per cent. |
| 1948-49— | | | |
| March .. | 33,452 | 1,091 | 34,543 |
| April .. | 28,599 | 973 | 29,572 |
| May .. | 31,341 | 1,041 | 32,382 |
| June .. | 29,588 | 837 | 30,425 |
| 1949-50— | | | |
| July .. | 28,262 | 885 | 29,147 |
| August .. | 31,146 | 1,009 | 32,155 |
| September .. | 26,836 | 9,169 | 36,945 |
| October .. | 35,504 | .. | 36,481 |
| November .. | 40,399 | .. | 41,515 |
| December .. | 40,528 | .. | 41,471 |
| January .. | 30,687 | .. | 31,283 |
| February .. | 35,879 | .. | 36,663 |
| March .. | 43,132 | .. | 43,966 |
| April† .. | 37,000 | .. | 37,700 |
| May† .. | 44,000 | .. | 44,800 |

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48 and 8.9.49 further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbols .., † see page 1.

RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, namely, New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. It is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

| Period. | Sydney. | | | | Year. | Queensland. | | | | Year. | | |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| | Average of 3 months ended— | | | | | Average of 3 months ended— | | | | | | |
| | September. | December. | March. | June. | | September. | December. | March. | June. | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | + 6.5 | + 4.6 | + 4.5 | + 5.7 | + 5.3 | + 0.8 | - 2.6 | - 3.0 | - 1.3 | - 1.5 | | |
| 1937-38 .. | + 8.1 | +11.7 | + 6.3 | + 6.7 | + 8.3 | + 1.4 | + 6.1 | + 2.7 | + 5.1 | + 4.0 | | |
| 1938-39 .. | + 4.7 | + 2.3 | + 4.6 | - 3.1 | + 1.9 | + 3.7 | + 1.1 | + 0.7 | + 3.5 | + 2.6 | | |
| 1944-45 .. | + 6.6 | + 7.4 | + 4.8 | + 3.2 | + 5.4 | + 7.6 | +10.0 | + 1.0 | - 0.3 | + 4.5 | | |
| 1945-46 .. | +22.5 | +30.8 | +37.2 | +35.3 | +31.6 | +16.5 | +27.7 | +22.4 | +24.8 | +23.3 | | |
| 1946-47 .. | +34.6 | +25.0 | +14.9 | +19.0 | +23.7 | +14.6 | + 9.3 | + 9.9 | +15.8 | +12.4 | | |
| 1947-48 .. | +23.6 | +17.1 | +19.5 | +18.5 | +19.5 | +26.0 | +17.9 | +12.3 | +11.4 | +16.6 | | |
| 1948-49 .. | +15.6 | +13.1 | +16.9 | + 6.2 | +12.7 | +12.7 | + 8.2 | +11.7 | + 7.0 | + 9.6 | | |
| 1949-50 .. | - 4.5 | +10.3 | + 9.1 | + 9.6 | + 6.2 | - 1.4 | + 5.3 | +11.8 | + 8.5 | + 5.9 | | |
| 1950-51 .. | +32.9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Month of— | | Average of 3 months ended— | | | Month of— | | Average of 3 months ended— | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August .. | +19.3 | | +19.1 | | | +11.0 | | +12.2 | | | | |
| September | + 1.9 | | +15.6 | | | + 4.5 | | +12.7 | | | | |
| October .. | + 4.2 | | + 8.3 | | | + 8.3 | | + 7.7 | | | | |
| November | +19.8 | | + 8.2 | | | + 7.2 | | + 6.7 | | | | |
| December | +15.5 | | +13.1 | | | + 9.0 | | + 8.2 | | | | |
| January .. | +12.2 | | +16.0 | | | + 6.9 | | + 7.9 | | | | |
| February | +16.1 | | +14.7 | | | +11.3 | | + 9.1 | | | | |
| March .. | +21.1 | | +16.9 | | | +17.1 | | +11.7 | | | | |
| April .. | + 1.4 | | +12.1 | | | + 9.4 | | +12.3 | | | | |
| May .. | +15.2 | | +12.3 | | | +10.7 | | + 2.0 | | | | |
| June .. | + 2.4 | | + 6.2 | | | + 0.9 | | + 7.0 | | | | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | -16.3 | | + 0.9 | | | - 9.1 | | + 1.0 | | | | |
| August .. | - 2.8 | | - 5.3 | | | + 5.4 | | - 1.2 | | | | |
| September | + 4.1 | | - 4.5 | | | + 0.4 | | - 1.4 | | | | |
| October .. | +10.0 | | + 3.5 | | | + 4.4 | | + 3.4 | | | | |
| November | +13.2 | | + 9.1 | | | + 4.3 | | + 3.1 | | | | |
| December | + 8.2 | | +10.3 | | | + 6.8 | | + 5.3 | | | | |
| January .. | + 7.6 | | + 9.7 | | | +16.7 | | + 8.4 | | | | |
| February | +12.6 | | + 9.2 | | | + 7.7 | | + 9.7 | | | | |
| March .. | + 8.0 | | + 9.1 | | | +11.3 | | +11.8 | | | | |
| April .. | - 0.3 | | + 6.2 | | | + 8.3 | | + 9.1 | | | | |
| May .. | +14.7 | | + 7.6 | | | + 8.3 | | + 9.2 | | | | |
| June .. | +15.0 | | + 9.6 | | | + 9.0 | | + 8.5 | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | +31.1 | | +19.1 | | | +26.3 | | +13.8 | | | | |
| August .. | +39.1 | | +28.7 | | | +18.4 | | +17.5 | | | | |
| September | +27.9 | | +32.9 | | | | | | | | | |

NINE TRADING BANKS. (a)

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Business within Australia. | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--------|--------------------|
| | Deposits.(b) | | | Advances. | Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c) | Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank. | Cash. | Treasury Bills. |
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. . | 184,722 | 112,880 | 297,602 | 262,496 | 15,047 | — | 34,199 | 24,512 |
| 1937-38 .. . | 194,785 | 120,022 | 314,807 | 274,365 | 21,411 | — | 37,114 | 20,728 |
| 1938-39 .. . | 198,793 | 118,868 | 317,661 | 288,109 | 20,477 | — | 33,597 | 21,533 |
| 1943-44 .. . | 211,703 | 290,988 | 502,691 | 232,421 | 79,961 | 139,965 | 40,908 | 63,826 |
| 1944-45 .. . | 224,023 | 343,773 | 567,796 | 208,719 | 105,842 | 207,992 | 38,038 | 60,283 |
| 1945-46 .. . | 220,415 | 385,953 | 606,368 | 212,178 | 115,272 | 238,098 | 38,462 | 59,782 |
| 1946-47 .. . | 206,862 | 429,749 | 636,611 | 261,140 | 95,026 | 264,991 | 37,928 | 25,831 |
| 1947-48 .. . | 201,891 | 471,604 | 673,495 | 329,850 | 65,606 | 262,258 | 44,389 | 18,089 |
| 1948-49 .. . | 211,262 | 565,140 | 776,402 | 368,582 | 61,455 | 322,670 | 48,016 | 22,110 |
| 1949-50 .. . | 224,477 | 685,587 | 910,064 | 403,889 | 83,813 | 377,006 | 51,960 | 26,502 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. . | 211,413 | 530,850 | 742,263 | 372,587 | 58,357 | 269,978 | 52,887 | 26,913 |
| November .. . | 213,314 | 550,791 | 764,105 | 373,648 | 60,468 | 286,791 | 49,312 | 28,550 |
| December .. . | 213,235 | 575,364 | 788,599 | 371,525 | 61,225 | 304,573 | 50,263 | 29,950 |
| January(e) .. . | 215,480 | 575,644 | 791,124 | 363,150 | 61,253 | 321,128 | 53,778 | 31,950 |
| February .. . | 214,659 | 598,677 | 813,336 | 363,189 | 62,050 | 344,116 | 51,385 | 32,100 |
| March .. . | 213,957 | 612,043 | 826,000 | 360,016 | 64,928 | 365,103 | 47,662 | 28,380 |
| April .. . | 218,427 | 612,191 | 830,618 | 372,720 | 64,384 | 379,366 | 44,632 | 19,050 |
| May .. . | 217,755 | 608,423 | 826,178 | 375,131 | 63,404 | 389,053 | 45,605 | 12,725 |
| June .. . | 215,924 | 601,486 | 817,410 | 383,334 | 62,464 | 381,233 | 39,993 | 11,140 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| July(e) .. . | 213,367 | 579,226 | 792,593 | 391,973 | 69,258 | 341,141 | 42,374 | 11,000 |
| August .. . | 212,643 | 578,464 | 791,107 | 390,489 | 72,720 | 326,353 | 47,228 | 13,300 |
| September .. . | 211,672 | 590,594 | 802,266 | 393,684 | 76,618 | 308,328 | 49,760 | 17,200 |
| October .. . | 211,336 | 610,038 | 821,374 | 400,712 | 75,670 | 306,953 | 51,797 | 25,200 |
| November .. . | 221,092 | 644,147 | 865,239 | 404,628 | 76,103 | 320,253 | 56,296 | 30,600 |
| December .. . | 222,180 | 692,385 | 914,565 | 403,973 | 77,498 | 337,453 | 58,016 | 44,375 |
| January .. . | 226,848 | 703,002 | 929,850 | 400,902 | 84,744 | 364,453 | 59,369 | 37,000 |
| February .. . | 228,938 | 737,754 | 966,692 | 399,849 | 92,495 | 409,703 | 51,975 | 31,750 |
| March .. . | 231,414 | 775,155 | 1,006,569 | 404,696 | 92,503 | 433,853 | 54,465 | 34,950 |
| April .. . | 238,579 | 779,447 | 1,018,026 | 414,899 | 94,505 | 456,953 | 53,733 | 28,750 |
| May .. . | 235,551 | 766,017 | 1,001,568 | 414,092 | 96,503 | 466,153 | 47,927 | 24,350 |
| June .. . | 239,409 | 765,451 | 1,004,860 | 427,189 | 96,501 | 442,828 | 51,058 | 20,250 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. . | 244,487 | 753,319 | 997,806 | 440,544 | 98,624 | 430,078 | 49,482 | 22,875 |
| August .. . | 244,298 | 739,091 | 983,389 | 444,144 | 96,507 | 441,453 | 51,598 | 16,050 |
| September .. . | 243,995 | 758,347 | 1,002,342 | 449,162 | 92,933 | 448,453 | 60,006 | 18,500 |
| October .. . | 248,739 | 808,408 | 1,057,147 | 465,026 | 84,602 | 458,828 | 58,150 | 29,265 |

(a) Bank of Adelaide, Bank of Australasia, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) and Union Bank of Australia Ltd. Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by two banks from January, 1949, and by another from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £9,000,000 in January, 1949, and £2,600,000 in July, 1949.

For meaning of symbols — see page 1.

NINE TRADING BANKS. (a)—continued.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)
(%)

| Period. | Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.(b) | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. (b) |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|---|
| | Cash in Australia. | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank. | |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | | 11.49 | 19.73 | 88.20 | 93.26 | — 37.93 |
| 1937-38 .. | | 11.79 | 18.37 | 87.15 | 93.95 | — 38.13 |
| 1938-39 .. | | 10.58 | 17.36 | 90.70 | 97.15 | — 37.42 |
| 1943-44 .. | | 8.14 | 20.84 | 46.24 | 62.15 | 27.84 57.89 |
| 1944-45 .. | | 6.70 | 17.31 | 36.76 | 55.40 | 36.63 60.55 |
| 1945-46 .. | | 6.34 | 16.20 | (d)34.99 | (d)54.00 | 39.27 63.65 |
| 1946-47 .. | | 5.96 | 10.02 | 41.02 | 55.95 | 41.63 67.51 |
| 1947-48 .. | | 6.59 | 9.28 | 48.98 | 58.72 | 38.94 70.02 |
| 1948-49 .. | | 6.18 | 9.03 | 47.47 | 55.39 | 41.56 72.79 |
| 1949-50 .. | | 5.71 | 8.62 | 44.35 | 53.55 | 41.40 75.28 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | |
| October .. | | 7.13 | 10.76 | 50.20 | 58.06 | 36.37 71.52 |
| November .. | | 6.45 | 10.19 | 48.90 | 56.81 | 37.53 72.08 |
| December .. | | 6.37 | 10.17 | 47.11 | 54.87 | 38.62 72.96 |
| January(e) .. | | 6.80 | 10.84 | 45.90 | 53.64 | 40.59 72.76 |
| February .. | | 6.32 | 10.27 | 44.65 | 52.15 | 42.31 73.61 |
| March .. | | 5.77 | 9.21 | 43.59 | 51.45 | 44.20 74.10 |
| April .. | | 5.37 | 7.66 | 44.87 | 52.62 | 45.67 73.70 |
| May .. | | 5.52 | 7.06 | 45.41 | 53.09 | 47.09 73.65 |
| June .. | | 4.89 | 6.25 | 46.90 | 54.54 | 46.64 73.58 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | |
| July(e) .. | | 5.35 | 6.74 | 49.45 | 58.19 | 43.04 73.08 |
| August .. | | 5.97 | 7.65 | 49.36 | 58.55 | 41.25 73.12 |
| September .. | | 6.20 | 8.34 | 49.07 | 58.62 | 38.43 73.62 |
| October .. | | 6.31 | 9.38 | 48.79 | 58.00 | 37.37 74.27 |
| November .. | | 6.51 | 10.05 | 46.76 | 55.56 | 37.01 74.45 |
| December .. | | 6.34 | 11.19 | 44.17 | 52.64 | 36.90 75.71 |
| January .. | | 6.38 | 10.36 | 43.11 | 52.22 | 39.19 75.60 |
| February .. | | 5.38 | 8.66 | 41.36 | 50.83 | 42.38 76.31 |
| March .. | | 5.41 | 8.88 | 40.21 | 49.40 | 43.10 77.01 |
| April .. | | 5.28 | 8.10 | 40.76 | 50.04 | 44.89 76.56 |
| May .. | | 4.79 | 7.22 | 41.34 | 50.98 | 46.54 76.48 |
| June .. | | 5.08 | 7.10 | 42.51 | 52.11 | 44.07 76.17 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| July .. | | 4.96 | 7.25 | 44.15 | 54.03 | 43.10 75.49 |
| August .. | | 5.25 | 6.88 | 45.16 | 54.97 | 44.89 75.16 |
| September .. | | 5.99 | 7.84 | 44.81 | 54.08 | 44.74 75.66 |
| October .. | | 5.50 | 8.30 | 43.99 | 51.99 | 43.40 76.47 |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) See footnote (e) on previous page.

For meaning of symbols —, — see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(GENERAL BANKING DIVISION AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT, MORTGAGE BANK DEPARTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT.)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | | |
| 1945–46(b) | .. | 21,101 | 35,775 | 56,876 | 20,533 | 7,366 | 5,379 |
| 1946–47 | .. | 17,574 | 41,372 | 58,946 | 25,698 | 7,176 | 3,131 |
| 1947–48 | .. | 13,873 | 44,549 | 58,422 | 33,338 | 7,432 | 1,189 |
| 1948–49 | .. | 13,214 | 52,346 | 65,560 | 49,230 | 6,871 | 462 |
| 1949–50 | .. | 14,775 | 72,311 | 87,086 | 81,669 | 13,975 | 1,962 |
| 1948–49— | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 12,639 | 50,570 | 63,209 | 44,168 | 7,526 | 750 |
| November | .. | 14,048 | 50,648 | 64,696 | 45,900 | 8,570 | 750 |
| December | .. | 14,377 | 52,147 | 66,524 | 47,737 | 7,806 | 750 |
| January | .. | 14,066 | 52,702 | 66,768 | 50,567 | 8,559 | 750 |
| February | .. | 13,453 | 54,526 | 67,979 | 51,872 | 8,609 | 375 |
| March | .. | 13,367 | 53,372 | 66,739 | 55,067 | 5,042 | — |
| April | .. | 13,296 | 56,206 | 69,502 | 56,034 | 5,401 | — |
| May | .. | 12,429 | 56,930 | 69,359 | 56,517 | 5,563 | — |
| June | .. | 12,478 | 57,399 | 69,877 | 57,658 | 5,870 | — |
| 1949–50— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 12,740 | 62,381 | 75,121 | 61,256 | 13,857 | — |
| August | .. | 12,739 | 67,149 | 79,888 | 63,798 | 18,023 | — |
| September | .. | 12,789 | 69,753 | 82,542 | 64,342 | 23,191 | — |
| October | .. | 12,876 | 72,690 | 85,566 | 67,190 | 21,253 | — |
| November | .. | 14,151 | 80,032 | 94,183 | 69,345 | 25,700 | — |
| December | .. | 15,585 | 82,091 | 97,676 | 72,196 | 20,928 | — |
| January | .. | 15,654 | 76,027 | 91,681 | 74,239 | 14,922 | — |
| February | .. | 15,928 | 70,326 | 86,254 | 86,079 | 7,965 | — |
| March | .. | 16,393 | 71,673 | 88,066 | 105,891 | 6,176 | 3,500 |
| April | .. | 16,248 | 72,327 | 88,575 | 111,799 | 5,706 | 6,500 |
| May | .. | 15,894 | 71,476 | 87,370 | 104,045 | 5,271 | 6,500 |
| June | .. | 16,283 | 71,538 | 87,821 | 95,749 | 4,891 | 6,500 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 16,795 | 72,160 | 88,955 | 94,327 | 5,888 | 6,500 |
| August | .. | 17,848 | 74,891 | 92,739 | 91,583 | 5,500 | 5,700 |
| September | .. | 17,663 | 82,677 | 100,340 | 96,187 | 7,995 | 11,250 |
| October | .. | 17,944 | 87,420 | 105,364 | 95,486 | 5,622 | 14,250 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS. (a)

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

(£A'000.)

| Period. | Notes on Issue. | | | Special Accounts of Trading Banks. | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills). | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|--|--|---|---|--|---------|
| | Held by Banks. | Held by Public. | Total. | | | | | | |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46(b) | .. | 16,908 | 176,905 | 193,813 | 241,843 | 26,864 | 144,385 | 181,594 | 418,266 |
| 1946-47 | .. | 18,741 | 180,661 | 199,402 | 266,951 | 24,063 | 122,101 | 217,642 | 392,217 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 22,245 | 175,845 | 198,090 | 263,688 | 28,018 | 142,014 | 196,694 | 419,857 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 24,912 | 178,649 | 203,561 | 323,930 | 29,764 | 174,647 | 336,175 | 356,260 |
| 1949-50 | .. | 27,926 | 194,272 | 222,198 | 379,632 | 30,661 | 200,345 | 434,018 | 348,965 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 23,808 | 173,922 | 197,730 | 271,032 | 35,526 | 186,942 | 303,861 | 365,989 |
| November | .. | 24,541 | 174,814 | 199,355 | 288,014 | 31,281 | 186,573 | 322,936 | 358,176 |
| December | .. | 27,143 | 180,862 | 208,005 | 305,740 | 30,090 | 182,113 | 342,601 | 355,341 |
| January | .. | 26,886 | 178,781 | 205,667 | 322,295 | 34,614 | 174,903 | 340,732 | 362,748 |
| February | .. | 24,711 | 178,644 | 203,355 | 345,482 | 34,313 | 160,990 | 351,974 | 354,098 |
| March | .. | 24,417 | 180,988 | 205,405 | 366,470 | 30,592 | 160,080 | 375,252 | 339,108 |
| April | .. | 26,096 | 184,321 | 210,417 | 380,733 | 25,484 | 175,271 | 387,119 | 352,166 |
| May | .. | 26,508 | 183,597 | 210,105 | 390,620 | 25,182 | 175,657 | 396,498 | 347,650 |
| June | .. | 24,862 | 186,193 | 211,055 | 382,800 | 20,893 | 177,521 | 393,088 | 341,702 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 25,348 | 187,465 | 212,813 | 342,708 | 22,830 | 176,195 | 380,173 | 323,650 |
| August | .. | 25,415 | 187,398 | 212,813 | 327,990 | 27,362 | 182,105 | 384,350 | 321,373 |
| September | .. | 25,734 | 188,829 | 214,563 | 310,045 | 29,307 | 194,135 | 379,822 | 337,767 |
| October | .. | 26,857 | 190,081 | 216,938 | 308,670 | 30,868 | 214,200 | 381,755 | 365,274 |
| November | .. | 27,345 | 191,518 | 218,863 | 321,970 | 35,095 | 226,740 | 397,634 | 379,070 |
| December | .. | 31,013 | 199,988 | 231,001 | 339,170 | 34,217 | 194,637 | 406,778 | 368,934 |
| January | .. | 30,363 | 194,638 | 225,001 | 366,170 | 35,596 | 195,843 | 427,652 | 370,098 |
| February | .. | 27,823 | 194,115 | 221,938 | 411,620 | 31,820 | 183,909 | 449,568 | 349,119 |
| March | .. | 27,765 | 196,148 | 223,913 | 437,000 | 35,084 | 203,897 | 485,268 | 341,700 |
| April | .. | 29,566 | 200,560 | 230,126 | 461,320 | 31,157 | 211,693 | 507,001 | 343,885 |
| May | .. | 29,601 | 199,262 | 228,863 | 471,170 | 25,722 | 209,138 | 497,740 | 346,755 |
| June | .. | 28,677 | 201,949 | 230,626 | 447,845 | 28,714 | 206,529 | 503,249 | 341,690 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 28,748 | 203,460 | 232,208 | 434,295 | 26,191 | 213,607 | 534,156 | 324,577 |
| August | .. | 29,472 | 204,898 | 234,370 | 445,170 | 27,821 | 201,157 | 534,031 | 322,863 |
| September | .. | 29,256 | 206,889 | 236,145 | 452,170 | 37,305 | 204,741 | 532,358 | 337,829 |
| October | .. | 30,183 | 208,400 | 238,583 | 462,545 | 35,255 | 221,047 | 543,044 | 362,363 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.
months ended June, 1946.

(b) Ten

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(b)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46(c) .. | 245,824 | 437,036 | 682,860 | 249,435 | 48,354 | 68,351 | 160,295 |
| 1946-47 .. | 229,515 | 481,096 | 710,611 | 309,706 | 47,622 | 29,692 | 139,993 |
| 1947-48(d) .. | 221,199 | 528,675 | 749,874 | 394,658 | 54,948 | 20,147 | 108,814 |
| 1948-49 .. | 231,812 | 635,871 | 867,683 | 457,595 | 59,059 | 24,445 | 109,592 |
| 1949-50 .. | 249,332 | 780,923 | 1,030,255 | 531,795 | 69,973 | 29,512 | 132,301 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 231,396 | 597,454 | 828,850 | 455,478 | 64,261 | 30,213 | 101,948 |
| November .. | 234,439 | 618,208 | 852,647 | 458,601 | 61,860 | 31,425 | 104,187 |
| December .. | 234,781 | 645,248 | 880,029 | 458,612 | 62,236 | 33,000 | 106,720 |
| January (e) .. | 237,083 | 648,383 | 885,466 | 453,542 | 67,735 | 35,100 | 111,573 |
| February .. | 235,868 | 674,056 | 909,924 | 454,873 | 65,213 | 34,975 | 114,011 |
| March .. | 235,299 | 687,566 | 922,865 | 455,337 | 57,834 | 30,680 | 117,394 |
| April .. | 239,398 | 690,057 | 929,455 | 470,220 | 54,072 | 21,100 | 118,243 |
| May .. | 237,808 | 685,969 | 923,777 | 473,055 | 54,648 | 14,575 | 115,921 |
| June .. | 236,244 | 678,569 | 914,813 | 482,931 | 49,148 | 12,210 | 111,527 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| July (e) .. | 233,729 | 660,515 | 894,244 | 496,304 | 59,573 | 11,000 | 115,295 |
| August .. | 232,990 | 664,440 | 897,430 | 497,561 | 68,186 | 13,420 | 117,787 |
| September .. | 232,304 | 679,140 | 911,444 | 502,265 | 75,760 | 17,400 | 118,955 |
| October .. | 232,622 | 701,396 | 934,018 | 512,815 | 76,319 | 25,400 | 119,181 |
| November .. | 243,914 | 744,085 | 987,999 | 519,229 | 85,944 | 30,800 | 122,148 |
| December .. | 246,814 | 795,436 | 1,042,250 | 522,006 | 82,968 | 45,050 | 130,522 |
| January .. | 251,888 | 801,724 | 1,053,612 | 521,247 | 78,239 | 38,000 | 138,213 |
| February .. | 254,844 | 835,003 | 1,089,847 | 532,224 | 65,110 | 33,050 | 147,825 |
| March .. | 258,916 | 876,860 | 1,135,776 | 557,756 | 66,743 | 41,000 | 147,770 |
| April .. | 267,156 | 881,176 | 1,148,332 | 575,034 | 64,114 | 38,450 | 144,856 |
| May .. | 265,731 | 863,226 | 1,128,957 | 567,234 | 57,629 | 32,700 | 145,112 |
| June .. | 270,016 | 861,851 | 1,131,867 | 574,211 | 59,442 | 27,900 | 139,049 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 273,250 | 850,722 | 1,123,972 | 588,862 | 58,305 | 30,355 | 136,558 |
| August .. | 273,076 | 839,516 | 1,112,592 | 590,113 | 59,749 | 22,730 | 137,778 |
| September .. | 273,001 | 868,352 | 1,141,353 | 600,248 | 71,863 | 30,730 | 135,906 |
| October .. | 278,573 | 923,477 | 1,202,050 | 616,694 | 68,456 | 44,855 | 128,074 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act 1945*. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 42. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) See footnote (e), page 40.

For meaning of symbol ————— see page 1.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. (a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

(£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Averages of Weekly Figures. | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46(b) .. | 52,887 | 45,791 | 14,879 | 8,661 | 5,855 | 2,889 | 95 | 131,057 |
| 1946-47 .. | 65,690 | 55,433 | 16,972 | 10,457 | (c)7,189 | 3,374 | 119 | c 159,234 |
| 1947-48(e) .. | (d)78,383 | 64,285 | 20,019 | 12,722 | 8,746 | 3,947 | 142 | d 188,244 |
| 1948-49 .. | 91,990 | 77,699 | 24,546 | 15,493 | 10,770 | 4,699 | 205 | 225,402 |
| 1949-50 .. | 115,208 | 101,877 | 29,668 | 19,339 | 13,822 | 5,605 | 265 | 285,784 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 90,417 | 74,204 | 24,087 | 15,407 | 10,558 | 4,367 | 166 | 219,206 |
| November .. | 89,985 | 72,009 | 23,809 | 14,869 | 11,080 | 4,132 | 171 | 216,055 |
| December .. | 96,094 | 82,457 | 24,656 | 16,121 | 11,474 | 5,102 | 188 | 236,092 |
| January .. | 83,587 | 66,282 | 20,780 | 13,353 | 10,912 | 3,812 | 237 | 198,963 |
| February .. | 91,121 | 82,640 | 27,610 | 16,517 | 11,916 | 5,162 | 195 | 235,161 |
| March .. | 92,721 | 85,897 | 23,751 | 17,996 | 12,067 | 5,200 | 208 | 237,840 |
| April .. | 93,484 | 80,109 | 24,356 | 15,716 | 9,940 | 4,812 | 225 | 228,642 |
| May .. | 102,402 | 85,603 | 27,106 | 16,757 | 11,222 | 5,502 | 240 | 248,832 |
| June .. | 109,639 | 85,062 | 28,313 | 17,265 | 11,284 | 5,229 | 296 | 257,088 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 101,469 | 87,612 | 28,179 | 16,447 | 11,127 | 5,427 | 341 | 250,602 |
| August .. | 89,362 | 77,327 | 24,124 | 15,115 | 10,524 | 4,733 | 215 | 221,400 |
| September .. | 100,263 | 89,215 | 26,105 | 16,584 | 12,239 | 5,235 | 213 | 249,854 |
| October .. | 106,857 | 93,452 | 27,835 | 17,995 | 12,658 | 5,082 | 212 | 264,091 |
| November .. | 118,461 | 99,156 | 30,087 | 19,867 | 14,769 | 5,122 | 239 | 287,701 |
| December .. | 121,687 | 117,531 | 32,906 | 20,621 | 14,439 | 5,346 | 243 | 312,773 |
| January .. | 105,888 | 90,096 | 27,742 | 18,745 | 15,866 | 4,802 | 240 | 263,379 |
| February .. | 117,702 | 108,231 | 28,433 | 22,331 | 15,694 | 5,703 | 238 | 298,332 |
| March .. | 130,240 | 114,816 | 30,274 | 22,415 | 16,854 | 6,745 | 286 | 321,630 |
| April .. | 118,547 | 110,778 | 30,538 | 19,988 | 12,955 | 5,680 | 276 | 298,762 |
| May .. | 134,037 | 118,507 | 34,775 | 20,655 | 14,455 | 6,504 | 365 | 329,298 |
| June .. | 135,165 | 115,228 | 34,874 | 21,132 | 13,950 | 6,713 | 301 | 327,363 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 133,214 | 120,536 | 36,702 | 22,722 | 15,131 | 6,887 | 330 | 335,522 |
| August .. | 119,321 | 107,347 | 30,551 | 20,316 | 13,756 | 6,271 | 313 | 297,875 |
| September .. | 139,507 | 114,662 | 34,192 | 23,511 | 17,463 | 6,273 | 327 | 335,935 |
| October .. | 146,293 | 134,194 | 38,927 | 24,705 | 17,922 | 6,548 | 358 | 368,947 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

BANK CLEARINGS. (a)

Statistics of debits to customers' accounts were not available prior to September, 1945 (for September, 1945, onward see page 45). In their absence bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

| Period. | Sydney. | Melbourne. | Brisbane. | Adelaide. | Perth. | Hobart. | Six Capitals. | |
|------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------|------------------|
| | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | Weekly Averages. |
| Weekly Averages. | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 17,247 | 15,592 | 3,753 | 2,900 | 1,989 | 559 | 42,040 | 976 |
| 1937-38 .. | 17,964 | 16,323 | 4,038 | 3,040 | 2,092 | 577 | 44,034 | 1,023 |
| 1938-39 .. | 17,832 | 15,415 | 4,212 | 2,953 | 2,055 | 623 | 43,090 | 1,001 |
| 1943-44 .. | 28,071 | 27,051 | 6,816 | 4,924 | 2,719 | 943 | 70,524 | 1,638 |
| 1944-45 .. | 28,556 | 27,839 | 6,895 | 5,127 | 2,777 | 1,032 | 72,226 | 1,678 |
| 1945-46 .. | 30,968 | 31,398 | 7,154 | 5,593 | 3,257 | 1,185 | 79,555 | 1,848 |
| 1946-47 .. | 38,580 | 35,631 | 7,978 | 6,469 | 3,926 | 1,310 | 93,894 | 2,181 |
| 1947-48 .. | 44,786 | 41,237 | 9,288 | 8,038 | 4,892 | 1,543 | 109,784 | 2,550 |
| 1948-49 .. | 53,519 | 48,870 | 11,131 | 9,663 | 6,039 | 1,778 | 131,000 | 3,043 |
| 1949-50 .. | 64,909 | 61,003 | 13,278 | 11,604 | 7,458 | 2,116 | 160,368 | 3,725 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 55,191 | 49,677 | 10,689 | 9,657 | 5,890 | 1,715 | 132,819 | 3,084 |
| November .. | 54,128 | 45,531 | 11,420 | 10,097 | 6,410 | 1,599 | 129,185 | 3,000 |
| December .. | 55,227 | 50,948 | 10,627 | 9,878 | 6,660 | 1,743 | 135,083 | 3,137 |
| January .. | 45,117 | 38,147 | 8,660 | 8,690 | 6,257 | 1,330 | 108,201 | 2,513 |
| February .. | 51,378 | 48,180 | 12,569 | 10,060 | 6,882 | 2,208 | 131,277 | 3,049 |
| March .. | 51,909 | 52,908 | 10,088 | 11,302 | 7,005 | 1,985 | 135,197 | 3,140 |
| April .. | 54,609 | 52,170 | 10,877 | 9,343 | 5,570 | 1,716 | 134,285 | 3,119 |
| May .. | 61,526 | 53,827 | 12,383 | 10,345 | 5,921 | 2,174 | 146,176 | 3,395 |
| June .. | 61,354 | 52,807 | 13,058 | 10,401 | 6,092 | 1,796 | 145,508 | 3,380 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 58,500 | 52,377 | 12,448 | 9,696 | 6,002 | 1,885 | 140,908 | 3,273 |
| August .. | 47,157 | 45,382 | 9,989 | 8,761 | 5,525 | 1,709 | 118,523 | 2,753 |
| September .. | 61,661 | 53,465 | 11,745 | 9,999 | 6,667 | 1,973 | 145,510 | 3,380 |
| October .. | 60,016 | 58,126 | 12,650 | 11,279 | 6,896 | 2,011 | 150,978 | 3,507 |
| November .. | 67,042 | 60,822 | 13,337 | 12,329 | 7,822 | 1,858 | 163,210 | 3,791 |
| December .. | 67,748 | 68,031 | 15,205 | 12,258 | 8,392 | 2,034 | 173,668 | 4,034 |
| January .. | 58,675 | 51,137 | 11,365 | 10,990 | 8,220 | 1,748 | 142,135 | 3,301 |
| February .. | 65,176 | 63,543 | 12,231 | 12,862 | 8,871 | 2,238 | 164,921 | 3,830 |
| March .. | 78,113 | 69,701 | 13,949 | 13,300 | 9,169 | 2,816 | 187,048 | 4,344 |
| April .. | 65,273 | 64,651 | 13,790 | 12,347 | 6,717 | 2,079 | 164,857 | 3,829 |
| May .. | 73,410 | 71,388 | 15,515 | 12,219 | 7,596 | 2,441 | 182,569 | 4,240 |
| June .. | 73,485 | 70,478 | 16,715 | 12,992 | 7,525 | 2,478 | 183,673 | 4,266 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 73,359 | 72,599 | 16,602 | 12,972 | 8,157 | 2,565 | 186,254 | 4,326 |
| August .. | 63,825 | 63,276 | 12,779 | 11,389 | 7,083 | 2,367 | 160,719 | 3,733 |
| September .. | 81,653 | 70,859 | 14,883 | 14,892 | 9,730 | 2,367 | 194,384 | 4,515 |
| October .. | 84,310 | 78,368 | 18,349 | 16,482 | 10,005 | 2,461 | 209,975 | 4,877 |

(a) For periods to December, 1946, averages of weeks ended last Monday of period; thereafter averages of weeks ended last Wednesday. (b) Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS BANKS, ETC.

(£'000.)

| Amount on deposit at end of— | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(a) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1936-37 .. | 81,952 | 75,720 | 27,304 | 26,506 | 11,835 | 7,215 | 230,851 |
| 1937-38 .. | 86,016 | 78,877 | 28,206 | 27,244 | 12,037 | 7,692 | 240,432 |
| 1938-39 .. | 87,474 | 80,461 | 29,045 | 27,397 | 12,396 | 8,396 | 245,587 |
| 1943-44 .. | 162,867 | 153,887 | 65,479 | 48,592 | 25,791 | 14,213 | 471,530 |
| 1944-45 .. | 198,203 | 182,149 | 80,094 | 56,995 | 31,763 | 16,914 | 566,964 |
| 1945-46 .. | 236,242 | 211,326 | 90,063 | 65,865 | 38,289 | 20,448 | 663,554 |
| 1946-47 .. | 231,368 | 216,107 | 85,602 | 67,900 | 36,625 | 20,856 | 660,015 |
| 1947-48 .. | 236,964 | 226,401 | 84,836 | 73,613 | 36,183 | 21,572 | 681,318 |
| 1948-49 .. | 244,483 | 239,246 | 87,442 | 81,163 | 37,535 | 22,413 | 714,219 |
| 1949-50 .. | 258,874 | 257,121 | 92,200 | 87,698 | 39,612 | 24,272 | 762,087 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 240,000 | 230,683 | 85,612 | 77,860 | 36,569 | 21,988 | 694,562 |
| March .. | 240,282 | 231,411 | 85,637 | 78,434 | 36,650 | 22,070 | 696,336 |
| April .. | 240,452 | 233,504 | 85,731 | 79,035 | 36,887 | 22,177 | 699,644 |
| May .. | 240,467 | 234,903 | 85,732 | 79,370 | 36,929 | 22,241 | 701,515 |
| June .. | 244,483 | 239,246 | 87,442 | 81,163 | 37,535 | 22,413 | (b)714,219 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 246,065 | 240,982 | 88,282 | 81,845 | 37,792 | 22,647 | 719,617 |
| August .. | 246,002 | 241,632 | 88,725 | 82,115 | 37,902 | 22,973 | 721,390 |
| September .. | 246,125 | 242,513 | 89,085 | 82,275 | 38,073 | 23,080 | 723,229 |
| October .. | 247,919 | 243,845 | 89,626 | 82,800 | 38,384 | 23,219 | 727,881 |
| November .. | 248,356 | 244,591 | 89,738 | 83,193 | 38,367 | 23,139 | 729,504 |
| December .. | 249,019 | 246,015 | 89,947 | 83,516 | 38,291 | 23,227 | 732,127 |
| January .. | 250,594 | 247,458 | 89,708 | 84,136 | 38,347 | 23,387 | 735,773 |
| February .. | 251,755 | 248,322 | 89,993 | 84,809 | 38,493 | 23,685 | 739,234 |
| March .. | 252,633 | 249,369 | 89,827 | 85,239 | 38,710 | 23,849 | 741,830 |
| April .. | 253,523 | 250,700 | 89,916 | 85,618 | 38,781 | 23,948 | 744,714 |
| May .. | 253,654 | 251,628 | 90,189 | 85,664 | 38,724 | 23,973 | 746,064 |
| June .. | 258,874 | 257,121 | 92,200 | 87,698 | 39,612 | 24,272 | (b)762,087 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 260,043 | 256,905 | 92,437 | 88,058 | 39,688 | 24,415 | 763,887 |
| August .. | 259,020 | 256,364 | 92,504 | 87,878 | 39,652 | 24,621 | 762,379 |
| September .. | 259,695 | 258,021 | 93,231 | 88,486 | 39,959 | 24,699 | 766,455 |
| October .. | 259,274 | 258,315 | 93,390 | 88,659 | 40,003 | 24,589 | 766,612 |

(a) Includes Internal Territories.

(b) Interest added—1948-49, £11.7m.; 1949-50, £12.2m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

Australian Notes held by Public on last Wednesday in each Month.

| | 1947-48. | 1948-49. | 1949-50. | 1950-51. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| July .. | 183,687 | 173,243 | 187,148 | 203,706 |
| August .. | 185,032 | 173,328 | 187,917 | 205,754 |
| September .. | 177,092 | 173,594 | 189,927 | 208,255 |
| October .. | 173,604 | 173,898 | 190,172 | 208,454 |
| November .. | 173,217 | 174,917 | 191,985 | |
| December .. | 180,338 | 188,360 | 206,616 | |
| January .. | 171,455 | 176,950 | 192,646 | |
| February .. | 170,669 | 178,913 | 194,061 | |
| March .. | 176,303 | 182,233 | 197,440 | |
| April .. | 174,472 | 185,539 | 200,455 | |
| May .. | 172,418 | 184,206 | 199,653 | |
| June .. | 173,839 | 189,111 | 203,245 | |

Savings Certificates.—Net amounts outstanding at end of each month. First issue made 18th March, 1940 :—

| | 1947-48. | 1948-49. | 1949-50. | 1950-51 |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| July .. | 59,729 | 64,721 | 61,582 | 54,463 |
| August .. | 59,705 | 64,887 | 60,949 | 53,896 |
| September .. | 61,447 | 64,952 | 60,357 | 53,299 |
| October .. | 62,666 | 65,258 | 59,716 | 52,701 |
| November .. | 63,024 | 64,937 | 59,065 | |
| December .. | 62,982 | 64,955 | 58,431 | |
| January .. | 63,068 | (a)64,786 | 57,790 | |
| February .. | 63,370 | 64,842 | 57,263 | |
| March .. | 63,529 | 64,108 | 56,731 | |
| April .. | 63,645 | 63,489 | 56,130 | |
| May .. | 64,241 | 62,802 | 55,612 | |
| June .. | 64,483 | 62,198 | 55,025 | |
| June, 1944, £43.7m.; June, 1945, £52.5m.; June, 1946, £54.7m; and June, 1947, £59.5m. | | | | |
| (a) Sales of Savings Certificates except to wind up group schemes, &c., discontinued after 31st January, 1949. | | | | |

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Australian Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits. | | | | C'wealth. Savings Bank | Treasury Bills (Discount Rates). | C'wealth. Govt. Securities. | |
|--------------|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 3 months. | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | | | Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates. | |
| | Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest). | | | | | | 5 years and under 10. | 10 years and over. |
| 1936-37 .. | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.75 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.75 | % (a) | % (a) |
| 1937-38 .. | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.75 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.75 | 3.85 | 3.94 |
| 1938-39 .. | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.75 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.75 | 3.66 | 3.71 |
| | | | | | | | 3.83 | 3.84 |
| | | | | | | | Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates. | |
| | | | | | | | Short-dated, 2 years. | Long-dated, 12 years. |
| | | | | | | | % (b) | % (b) |
| 1943-44 .. | 1.13 | 1.39 | 1.64 | 2.00 | 2.0 | 1.34 | 2.45 | 3.24 |
| 1944-45 .. | 0.56 | 0.81 | 1.28 | 1.78 | 2.0 | 1.17 | 2.47 | 3.25 |
| 1945-46 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.10 | (d) 1.60 | 2.0 | 1.00 | 2.19 | 3.24 |
| 1946-47 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 1.00 | 1.93 | 3.21 |
| 1947-48 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 1.00 | 2.34 | 3.16 |
| 1948-49 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.96 | 2.07 | 3.12 |
| 1949-50 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.95 | 3.13 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.96 | 3.13 |
| November .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.97 | 3.13 |
| December .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.12 |
| January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.83 | 3.12 |
| February .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.95 | 3.12 |
| March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.95 | 3.13 |
| April .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.97 | 3.14 |
| May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.97 | 3.13 |
| June .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.95 | 3.15 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.96 | 3.14 |
| August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.15 |
| September .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.97 | 3.15 |
| October .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.0 | 0.75 | 1.96 | 3.13 |

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
 (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2, 7 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, 5-10 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Discontinued. (d) For December, 1945 and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess. (e) Eight months.

RATES OF INTEREST ON FIRST MORTGAGES : NEW SOUTH WALES. URBAN SECURITIES—WEIGHTED AVERAGES.(a)

| Period. | 1939. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. | 1950. | Period. | % |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----|
| March | % 5.6 | % 4.5 | % 4.4 | % 4.4 | % 4.4 | 1950— | |
| June | 5.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | April | 4.4 |
| September | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | May | 4.4 |
| December | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | | June | 4.4 |
| Year Ended December | 5.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | | July | 4.4 |
| Year Ended June .. | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | August | 4.4 |
| | | | | | | September | 4.4 |

(a) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.
 For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

| Period. | Exchange Rates. | | | Gold Prices. | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Australia on London.(a) | London on New York.(a) | Australia on New York.(b) | Australia.(c) | London. |
| | £A. per £100 stg. | \$ per £ stg. | \$ per £ A. | £A. per fine oz. | £ stg. per fine oz. |
| 1936-37 | 125.25 | 4.939 | 3.929 | 8.761 | 7.041 |
| 1937-38 | 125.25 | 4.980 | 3.961 | 8.690 | 7.001 |
| 1938-39 | 125.25 | 4.738 | 3.759 | 9.137 | 7.340 |
| 1943-44 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.198 | 10.452 | 8.400 |
| 1944-45 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.198 | 10.592 | 8.413 |
| 1945-46 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.198 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1946-47 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.199 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1947-48 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.200 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1948-49 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.204 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1949-50 | 125.25 | 3.074 | 2.445 | 14.443 | 11.557 |
| 1948-49— | | | | | |
| October | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| November | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| December | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| January | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| February | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| March | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| April | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| May | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| June | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| August | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.206 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| September(d) | 125.25 | 3.538 | 2.792 | 12.763 | 10.128 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| November | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| December | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| January | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| February | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| March | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| April | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| May | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| June | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| August | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| September | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia. (d) From 19th September, 1949 exchange rates were changed to London on New York, Buying \$2.80125, Selling \$2.79875; Australia on New York, Buying \$2.2425; Selling \$2.2275. Gold prices were changed to—Australia, £15.492, London, £12.400.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

| Government of— | July-September, 1949-50. (a) | | | July-September, 1950-51. (a) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). |
| New South Wales(b) .. | 22,819 | 23,476 | — 657 | 25,322 | 27,662 | — 2,340 |
| Victoria | 9,278 | 12,559 | — 3,281 | 11,686 | 14,412 | — 2,726 |
| Queensland | 7,719 | 8,581 | — 862 | 8,955 | 10,036 | — 1,081 |
| South Australia | 4,514 | 5,882 | — 1,368 | 5,835 | 7,016 | — 1,181 |
| Western Australia | 4,995 | 5,577 | — 582 | 5,847 | 6,402 | — 555 |
| Tasmania | 1,386 | 1,520 | — 134 | 1,528 | 1,759 | — 231 |
| Six States | 50,711 | 57,595 | — 6,884 | 59,173 | 67,287 | — 8,114 |
| Commonwealth | 118,647 | 118,647 | — | 131,023 | 129,760 | + 1,263 |
| Grant Total(c) | 151,190 | 161,274 | — 10,084 | 172,978 | 179,829 | 6,851 |

| Government of— | Year 1949-50.(a) | | | Year 1950-51 Estimate.(a) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). |
| New South Wales(b) .. | 111,604 | 112,781 | — 1,177 | 123,321 | 123,545 | — 224 |
| Victoria | 57,246 | 57,503 | — 257 | 61,859 | 64,309 | — 2,450 |
| Queensland | 37,119 | 37,090 | + 29 | 40,478 | 41,246 | — 768 |
| South Australia | 26,142 | 26,019 | + 123 | 30,138 | 30,148 | — 10 |
| Western Australia | 26,579 | 25,787 | + 792 | 26,254 | 26,740 | — 486 |
| Tasmania | 7,077 | 7,082 | — 5 | 7,465 | 7,841 | — 376 |
| Six States | 265,767 | 266,262 | — 495 | 289,515 | 293,829 | — 4,314 |
| Commonwealth | 580,652 | 580,652 | — | 789,658 | 789,268 | + 390 |
| Grand Total(c) | 753,802 | 754,297 | — 495 | 980,479 | 984,403 | — 3,924 |

(a) To avoid duplication in the aggregate figures both the revenue and the expenditure of the States have been reduced by Treasury Grants to railway revenue as follows : New South Wales, 1949-50 and 1950-51 estimate, £800,000 ; South Australia, 1949-50, £3,218,000 ; 1950-51 estimate, £2,660,000 ; July-September, 1950-51, £644,000. On the other hand, the revenue of the States has been increased for 1949-50 by the inclusion of those parts of the special grants from the Commonwealth which related to the difference between the assessed grant for 1947-48 and the special grant received in 1947-48, viz., South Australia £324,000, Western Australia £768,000 and Tasmania £262,000. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and coal strike emergency grant, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

| Where Redeemable. | Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of— | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Common-wealth. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total. |
| At 31st Oct., 1950 — | | | | | | | | |
| Australia (b) .. | 133,280 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 133,280 |
| London .. | 1,470 | 9,796 | 5,805 | — | 3,816 | 2,960 | 491 | 24,338 |
| At 31st Oct., 1949 — | | | | | | | | |
| Australia (b) .. | 133,280 | — | — | — | — | 1,500 | — | 134,780 |
| London .. | 1,720 | 9,796 | 5,805 | — | 3,816 | 2,960 | 491 | 24,588 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian ; in London, £1 sterling.
(b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of period. | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £'000. | No. | No. | No. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,318 | 938,331 | 440,471 | 594,855 |
| 1937-38 | 1,396 | 1,056,004 | 465,498 | 630,175 |
| 1938-39 | 1,447 | 1,129,786 | 487,535 | 661,996 |
| 1943-44 | 2,223 | (c) 1,454,302 | 557,072 | 799,729 |
| 1944-45 | 2,323 | 1,479,802 | 577,777 | 827,862 |
| 1945-46 | 2,371 | 1,506,080 | 607,475 | 855,917 |
| 1946-47 | 2,484 | 1,771,247 | 647,876 | 905,017 |
| 1947-48 | 2,616 | 1,832,816 | 688,348 | 963,154 |
| 1948-49 | 2,776 | 1,919,022 | 734,427 | 1,028,134 |
| 1949-50 | 3,196 | 2,029,628 | 793,077 | 1,109,984 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | |
| October | 2,724 | 1,877,588 | 703,711 | 984,512 |
| November | 2,743 | 1,893,366 | 707,324 | 990,041 |
| December | 3,001 | 1,899,495 | 711,672 | 995,773 |
| January | 2,374 | 1,902,972 | 715,063 | 1,000,491 |
| February | 2,613 | 1,913,172 | 718,708 | 1,005,596 |
| March | 3,159 | 1,925,618 | 722,123 | 1,010,627 |
| April | 2,649 | 1,918,032 | 725,648 | 1,015,578 |
| May | 2,956 | 1,916,310 | 730,292 | 1,022,174 |
| June | 3,130 | 1,919,022 | 734,427 | 1,028,134 |
| 1949-50— | | | | |
| July | 2,522 | 1,910,856 | 738,723 | 1,034,080 |
| August | 2,935 | 1,947,459 | 744,270 | 1,041,282 |
| September | 2,868 | 1,971,608 | 749,024 | 1,047,890 |
| October | 3,062 | 1,978,730 | 753,556 | 1,054,276 |
| November | 3,351 | 1,982,530 | 758,309 | 1,060,892 |
| December | 3,515 | 1,986,180 | 762,407 | 1,066,385 |
| January | 3,010 | 1,991,312 | 767,135 | 1,072,874 |
| February | 3,332 | 1,998,890 | 771,819 | 1,079,657 |
| March | 3,582 | 2,007,632 | 777,158 | 1,087,342 |
| April | 2,916 | 2,010,372 | 781,208 | 1,093,182 |
| May | 3,703 | 2,019,199 | 787,650 | 1,102,267 |
| June | 3,550 | 2,029,628 | 793,077 | 1,109,984 |
| 1950-51— | | | | |
| July | 3,021 | 2,042,691 | 798,641 | 1,117,662 |
| August | 3,595 | 2,025,600 | 804,555 | 1,126,245 |
| September | 3,276 | 2,028,745 | 810,435 | 1,134,173 |
| October | 3,604 | 2,029,628 | 816,638 | 1,142,642 |

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one-

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OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of period.

| Period. | Temporary. | | Permanent. | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | Australian Residents Departing Overseas. | Visitors Arriving from Overseas. | New Arrivals | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,937 | 2,294 | 1,148 | 953 | + 195 |
| 1937-38 | 2,060 | 2,617 | 1,478 | 925 | + 553 |
| 1938-39 | 1,966 | 2,649 | 2,081 | 1,055 | + 1,026 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | |
| 1948-49— | | | | | |
| September | 770 | 2,017 | 4,861 | 1,153 | + 3,708 |
| October | 1,231 | 2,763 | 7,425 | 1,519 | + 5,906 |
| November | 929 | 2,443 | 9,822 | 908 | + 8,914 |
| December | 1,673 | 3,459 | 3,879 | 1,081 | + 2,798 |
| January | 2,261 | 2,961 | 9,931 | 1,748 | + 8,183 |
| February | 3,078 | 3,393 | 10,135 | 1,915 | + 8,220 |
| March | 2,759 | 3,552 | 10,362 | 1,385 | + 8,977 |
| April | 2,321 | 3,395 | 9,838 | 1,418 | + 8,420 |
| May | 2,878 | 2,898 | 18,925 | 1,540 | +17,385 |
| June | 2,128 | 2,847 | 17,329 | 1,776 | +15,553 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | |
| July | 1,424 | 2,429 | 12,032 | 1,733 | +10,299 |
| August | 1,291 | 2,573 | 13,982 | 1,493 | +12,489 |
| September | 1,396 | 2,545 | 14,366 | 1,422 | +12,944 |
| October | 1,310 | 3,502 | 16,004 | 1,023 | +14,981 |
| November | 1,772 | 3,407 | 16,368 | 1,393 | +14,975 |
| December | 2,733 | 3,790 | 18,455 | 1,611 | +16,844 |
| January | 2,666 | 4,016 | 14,764 | 1,625 | +13,139 |
| February | 2,936 | 3,917 | 14,332 | 1,368 | +12,964 |
| March | 4,215 | 4,992 | 22,313 | 2,246 | +20,067 |
| April | 3,572 | 3,601 | 15,483 | 1,498 | +13,985 |
| May | 3,679 | 3,643 | 14,927 | 1,925 | +13,002 |
| June | 3,003 | 3,229 | 11,863 | 1,955 | + 9,908 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | |
| July† | 1,651 | 2,117 | 9,988 | 1,414 | + 8,574 |
| August† | 1,784 | 3,621 | 13,078 | 2,099 | +10,979 |
| September† | 1,478 | 3,137 | 12,291 | 1,419 | +10,872 |

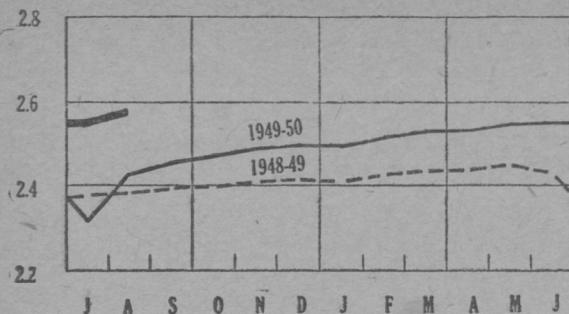
(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly averages—1943-44, 44; 1944-45, 35.

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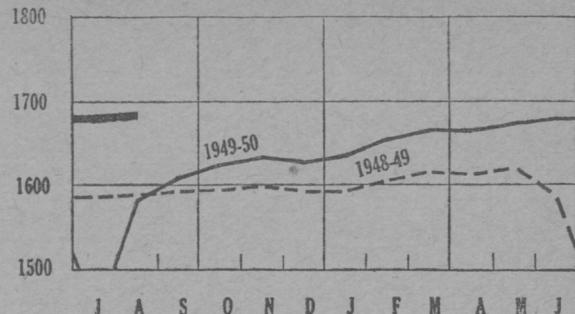
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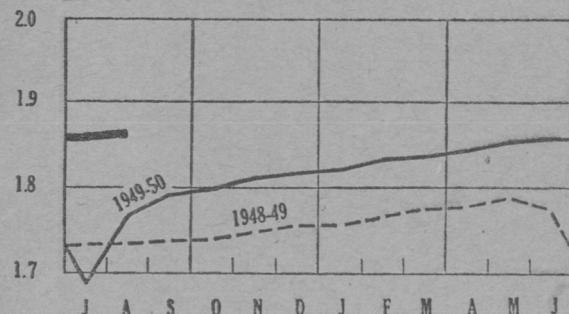
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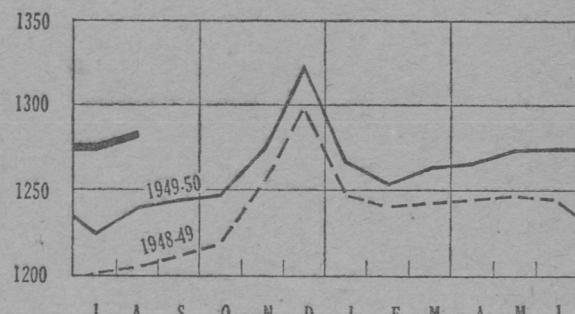
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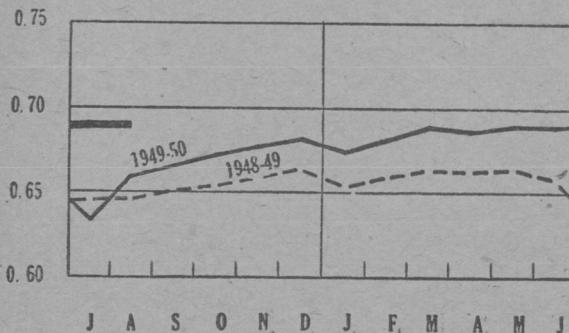
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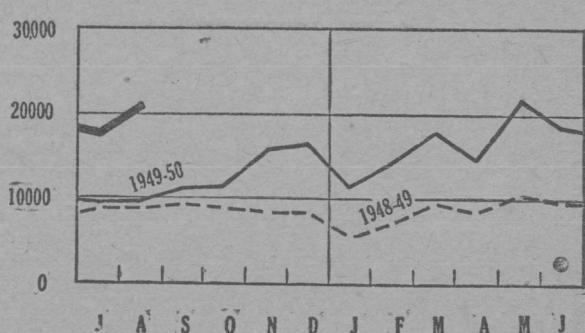
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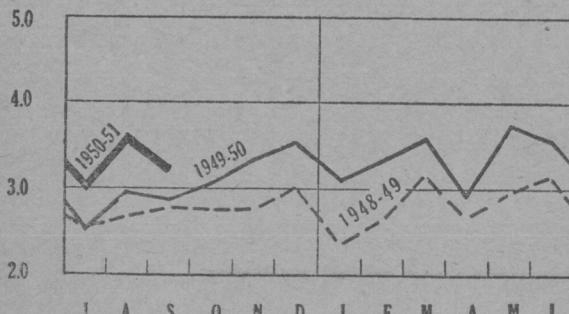
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NEW CARS and TRUCKS REGISTERED: AUSTRALIA



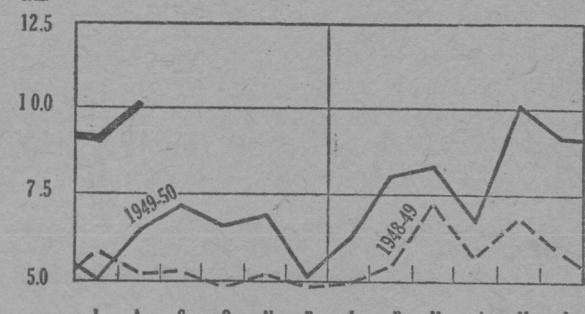
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